

RAILWAY OFFICIAL
ON VISIT TO CITY

William Whyte, Second Vice President of C. P. R.,
Is Making Inspection of Company's
Affairs Here.

Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., and one of the best known and most highly respected railway officials in Canada, arrived in Victoria last evening on his regular trip of inspection. He is accompanied by J. A. M. Atkins, K. C. of Montreal, chief solicitor of the company, F. T. Busted, Montreal, chief engineer, R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division, C. E. Capwright, engineer at Vancouver, J. F. Kane, Winnipeg, private secretary to Mr. Whyte, and R. W. Brown, private secretary to Mr. Marpole.

The object of the visit to the coast at the present time, Mr. Whyte says, is for the purpose of going into the new work of the past year and examining into the needs of the company. After an inspection of all the work he will shortly after the New Year report in detail to the president so that plans may be arranged for the coming season.

While there is not any new road now under construction in British Columbia by the company, the second vice-president points to the fact that the C. P. R. has 1,000 miles of new line under construction west of Fort William. The double tracking of the entire route between Winnipeg and Fort William, a distance of 425 miles, will be of inestimable advantage in handling the wheat traffic between the prairies and the Great Lakes. Mr. Whyte says, in time for the handling of the crop of 1907, the distance will be entirely double tracked before the crop of 1908 is ready for shipment.

While the traffic of a single track is soon congested that of a double track

when operated under a proper system of signals is made many times greater than the single road.

Referring to local conditions Mr. Whyte said that he would go into the question of the congestion of traffic at the E. & N. terminals in the city. He would see what could be done to relieve the situation for the present until more suitable permanent terminal facilities could be supplied. The company looked forward eventually to the settlement of the Songhees reserve question and with that the providing of terminal facilities.

The work on the new hotel is being looked over to-day by the officials. Mr. Whyte says the company are expecting to have it completed by June and already landscape gardeners have looked over the site and are preparing for the laying out of the grounds just as soon as the filling in has been completed.

Steady progress is being made, he says, in the surveying of the E. & N. line with the object of extending the line.

The work of clearing upon the scheme outlined by J. S. Dennis some time ago, will, it is expected, be begun next summer. Mr. Whyte says that R. E. Gosnell is connected with the development of the clearing of the land. Mr. Gosnell's plan is to have in charge the clearing of the land. Mr. Gosnell's plan is to have in charge the clearing of the land. Mr. Gosnell's plan is to have in charge the clearing of the land.

Jones remained in Seattle five days, and then returning to Victoria found the message with its distracting note. Then the wires were again put in motion, and it was not for two days that his bride-to-be could be located. She had telegraphed to her brothers in Philadelphia, whom she had visited before undertaking the overland journey, but by the same singular misfortune which pursued her during the trip they could not be reached. At this juncture, troubles weighed heavily on the young woman, who was totally ignorant of the conditions of travel on this continent, and it is believed greatly affected her health. To add to her miseries on arrival her baggage had not arrived, and so far has not been traced, although the Great Northern Railway Company is doing all in its power to locate this as also the hand bag stolen at the station in St. Paul.

SYMPATHETIC EFFORT
TO AID SANATORIUM

Committee Named at Meeting Last Night
to Provide Collectors in This
City.

A public meeting was held last evening in the board of trade rooms, in connection with the movement in favor of the anti-tuberculosis sanatorium. Bishop Perrin was elected chairman, and in his opening address paid a compliment to Dr. Fagan for what he had done in connection with this work.

He also referred to the fact that more money was required, and Victoria should set an example. Dr. Fagan took occasion to refer to a press letter signed by a member of the trades and labor council. The doctor said that he had never intended to give any offence to the trades and labor council. That body had always done its share. With reference to the contributions by the medical profession, Dr. Fagan pointed out that more valuable aid could be given by them by cash donations.

In the eastern states Dr. Fagan said that 75 per cent. of the cases were cured in these institutions. There was no reason why the same could not be done in British Columbia. When the sanatorium was completed Dr. Fagan said he would get back to his own work, and he was not seeking any position in connection with the institution.

In reply to a question of Rev. E. G. Miller, Dr. Fagan said there was over \$30,000 in sight.

After discussing the question of the best means of securing contributions in the city, it was decided to appoint a committee consisting of Bishop Perrin, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Donald Fraser, A. J. Dallan and A. S. Barton, who will see to the appointment of a general committee to further the work of collecting for the home.

DISCOVERY NOTES.

New Rink Opened—Atlin Defeated in Curling Match.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Discovery, B. C., Dec. 1.—The weather here still continues to be mild considering the season of the year, the thermometer during the last week registering some 12 degrees to 5 degrees above zero.

The fresh fall of snow of Thursday night has rendered sleighing more enjoyable, and the "merry jingle" can be heard far and near accompanying the chorus of "Away we go o'er the fleecy snow," etc.

The skating rink under the management of Messrs. Jamieson and Sweet was formally opened on Thursday. During the afternoon a very close and exciting game of curling was played between Atlin and Discovery, the score being 10 to 12 in favor of the latter. Considerable disappointment was felt on account of the poor attendance, for with the exception of the curlers, and a few others that city was but poorly represented.

Eager bands of hunters roam about the surrounding mountains in search of moose and mountain sheep. Many have been successful and on Thursday one of the business men of Discovery received a letter from a party who had gone out a week and a half before. They had met with much success, having killed five moose and they asked for a team to be sent out to bring in their laurels.

STRIKES AND
LOCKOUTS IN MINES

It Provides For an Inquiry Into All
Disputes—The Inspection of
Barges.

BILL INTRODUCED IN
THE DOMINION HOUSE

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. R. LeBlond to-day introduced his bill in the House to provide against strikes and lockouts in coal mines. The bill is on the lines of that for the settlement of railway disputes, the only difference is that in the present bill an inquiry is obligatory, while in the railway act an inquiry is voluntary.

Inspection of Barges.
F. A. Laurence, Colchester, introduced a bill to-day to provide for the official inspection of barges and to provide against overloading. It applied to both coasts and the great lakes.

PUBLIC LAND LAWS.
President Roosevelt Says Number of
Amendments Are Necessary.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt to-day sent a special message to Congress in which he said the development of the past year emphasizes with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to repair the public lands on the basis that demands radical amendments. That provision which permits assignment before patent should be repealed and the entryman should be required to live not less than two years at home on the land before issued.

A NEW WHARF FOR
SEATTLE STEAMER

On Property Near the Post Office—
Operations Will Begin Early
in New Year.

Early in the coming year the Alaska Steamship Company will build a new wharf on the north side of James Bay, near the post office.

Over a year ago the company acquired this water frontage, and plans had then been prepared for the construction of the wharf. Owing to a depression in the shipping industry the enterprise was held in abeyance; but in view of recent developments it is now considered necessary. In the interval the Alaska Steamship Company made use of the C. P. R. wharf at James Bay. This accommodation has been hitherto satisfactory.

Recently the agreement between the C. P. R. and the Alaska Steamship Company with respect to co-operation in handling the Puget Sound service has been cancelled. The companies will now operate independently, the C. P. R. providing the entire Canadian service.

The new wharf will have a water frontage of 97 feet. It will be double-decked, and constructed in the shape of a fan. The dimensions of the flooring will be 120 feet by 100, and the total cost will fall little short of \$25,000.

When completed the wharf will be of an entirely modern type. There will be a shed and freight office will be fitted up with every convenience.

The landing stage for passengers will rest on pontoons. By means of these the ships and freight office will be raised and lowered to the level of the vessels. Thus no inconvenience will be caused by the ebb or flow of the tide.

It is hoped that the surprise will be given to the arrival of the Iroquois and Chippewa from the Great Lakes. These vessels have been purchased by the Alaska Steamship Co. for the Puget Sound service.

CLEANED WITH TRIP.

Premier McBride—Expected by His
Friends to Announce Dissolution.

Premier McBride returned last night from a trip through the upper country. He visited Vernon, Revelstoke, and other points in the interior. The journey in the country at this time was generally understood among the Conservatives to have been for the purpose of feeling public opinion with regard to the advisability of appealing to the country.

The premier's visit is reported to have impressed him very favorably and his closest friends expect on the strength of this an announcement within a few days of the dissolution of the legislature and an appeal to the country as soon as allowable thereafter.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Closing Exercises of the City Schools
Will Be Held on Friday.

The public schools will close on Friday next and will re-open after the Christmas holidays on the first Monday following New Year's day. In all the schools closing exercises will be held and at the Spring Ridge school the scholars will bid farewell to Miss Margaret Hart, who leaves at the end of the term. The Victoria West school will hold its closing exercises in Semple's hall.

The Girls' Central school will hold its closing exercises on Friday afternoon in the Pemberton gymnasium, when a carol concert will be given at 2.30. The pupils will be assisted by Mr. Wollaston, who will sing "Nazareth," and Miss Charlotte Spencer, who will be heard in the "First Christmas Morn," with refrain by the school.

Short addresses on Christmas time will be delivered by the Bishop of Columbia and Rev. Stanley Ard. Parents, friends and the public generally are very cordially invited to be present.

SAD DROWNING IN
THE NIZINA RIVER

MINER, HIS WIFE AND
CHILD SWEEP AWAY

Severe Weather Has Prevailed in the
Yukon Valley—Ice Jams Do
Much Damage.

The sad end of James Montgomery, a well known northern mining operator, his wife and child is chronicled in Dawson papers. They had started for the outside in October last and in the Yukon valley where they were all ascending the Nizina river, were drowned. The story of the accident is as follows: There were two boatsload coming out in the party, the first boat containing five men and the second Montgomery and his wife and child, besides Bill Williams, who was steering. Montgomery was rowing, and when they were about half-way through the Nizina canyon he lost an ear and becoming frightened stood up in the boat and let the other ear get away. As soon as the headway of the boat stopped Williams was unable to steer and they ran into the bluff at a bend in the river, upsetting the boat and throwing the occupants out.

Williams succeeded in kicking off his heavy rubber boots and swam ashore to a bar below, while Montgomery and wife grasped the boat. The last Williams saw of them they were turning a bend below. He had to climb the cliff about 1,000 feet before he could reach the river at the next bar, and by the time he had reached the place where the boat had hung up on a gravel bar there was no sign of his companions.

The whole party returned to the scene of the wreck with candles. They found the body of the woman some distance below the boat. The following morning the baby was picked up on a bar about 100 yards below the mother. The woman and her child were wrapped in a caribou skin sleeping bag and buried on the beach, the grave being well covered with logs and stones to prevent wolves from getting at the bodies.

Advices from White Horse under date of December 7th say that the Yukon valley experienced an extremely cold spell for a week or more. On Tuesday night the thermometer fell to 65 below. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a terrific snow storm raged at the summit of the White Pass; the wind blew a gale and the thermometer registered 32 below. So bad were the conditions that the railroad people decided not to send out trains either way until the weather moderated.

The mail to reach Dawson before this storm is said to have arrived at its destination in frozen blocks. There were fifteen sacks of letters and three of papers encountered on the way accidents were encountered and the mail was submerged but none was lost.

Word reached White Horse on the night of the 7th inst. that a great ice jam was formed in the Yukon river on the 24th of November with the result that backing water flooded the surrounding country for a considerable distance carrying away cabins situated on or near the banks of the river. On Grant of Dawson had five men at work getting out timber who had a very narrow escape. Shortly after they left the high ground on which they pitched their camp was four feet under water. They had difficulty in making the opposite shore in their boat owing to the swift swirling current and one of the party came near losing his life in swimming ashore to snub his boat. When this was done they packed the small supply of provisions that had not been entirely spoiled by water during the trip and made an overland march of twelve miles to Selkirk, which point they reached on the evening of the 26th, utterly exhausted and ravenously hungry.

Before leaving Dawson for Ottawa Mr. Alfred Thompson, member for parliament from the Dominion of De Forest Wireless Telegraph Company, of Montreal, stating on what terms it will install the proposed wireless system to connect the Yukon with the outside world.

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and found the showcase rifled. The thieves had scooped out several handfuls of timepieces, and two of these were discovered on the floor, open, and giving evidence of having been carefully dropped.

A search of the premises showed that a window in the rear had been forced, and it was through this that the burglars entered and afterwards got away with the "swag." Mr. Braunstein has suspicions that a well-dressed stranger who called in the store on Friday and Saturday to price goods is connected with the burglary.

On Sunday night another burglary was committed in the city, the premises of the Brackman-Ker Mining Company on the Government wharf being entered. The thief left traces behind which lead the police to believe that he went upstairs by means of a stairway and came down in a grain chute. The bill in the office lacked five dollars when the clerk opened it on Monday.

Yesterday Dong Toy Yuck, a Chinese laundryman, came to the police and told them that one of his employees had struck him several times on the left eye because he refused to pay him the wages he claimed. Dong was aware of the action for assault, the swearing being according to Chinese custom, and Chin Do, the assailant, will tell his story in the police court on Friday morning.

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The rumor which has gained currency in the city that there is a shortage in the coal supply is emphatically denied by Joshua Kingham, of Kingham & Company, the Victoria agent of the Western Fuel Company. This company produces the celebrated New Wellington coal, which is mined at Nanaimo and Departure Bay.

Mr. Kingham was very decisive in denying that there was the slightest shortage of the supply not being equal to the demand. So far as his firm was concerned, it was now, and had always been, in a position to meet the requirements of all local consumers. There was not the slightest chance of a shortage in supply during the present winter. His principals had assured him within the past few days that there would be ample tonnage to meet the Victorian demand.

With regard to complaints relative to short weight, as they were few and far between, they called for no special comment. He continued, however, by saying that the public could examine the weighing machines, and the actual weighing, at any time. The scales were periodically examined by the inspector of weights and measures and also tested by the city scales.

The public can satisfy themselves as to the actual weight by remembering that each sack contains 100 pounds, and twenty sacks to the ton.

Kingham & Company have transacted business for the past ten years, during which time they have given entire satisfaction. The Western Fuel Company, which they represent, is well known to command a large supply of coal.

Richard Hall, of the firm of Hall & Walker, while admitting that there was little possibility of an increase in price, said that it was his belief that cold weather would ensue a shortage would probably take place. His firm, while catering for outsiders, gave the preference to local demand. At the same time he admitted that in the latter respect there was only a limited supply of coal forthcoming as the resources of the Wellington Colliery Company, was already taxed to the uttermost. Complaints of customers have reached Hall & Walker indirectly through the scales.

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TRAVELLING SATCHELS, WITH FITTINGS; FANCY PERFUMES, PERFUME ATOMIZERS, MANICURE SETS, TOILET SETS, IVORY BRUSHES, ETC., ETC.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN

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We shall be very pleased to have you connect any number of extra lights and small motors for your Xmas trade, but we must first be informed of the number, so that we may determine whether our transformers and meters are of sufficient capacity to carry the extra load.

Any damage to our equipment caused by such overload will be charged to the consumer.

We do not make any charge for inspection of transformers or meters under the above circumstances.

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NATIVE PORT, per bottle 25c
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VICTORY CLAIMED
BY BOTH SIDESIN FIGHT FOR CONTROL
OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

Election Of Officers For New York Life
And Mutual Is Taking Place
To-day.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 18.—Early to-day both sides in the fight that has been going on to obtain control of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies and their vast assets, claimed a victory. No matter what the result, Samuel Untermyer, of the international committee, said the legislative investigation would be sought of the campaign methods of the company. The international committee claims the election of its trustees by 25,000 votes in the New York Life and by 14,000 votes in the Mutual. The New York Life claimed an administrative victory by anywhere from 100,000 to 250,000 votes, while the Mutual management predicted a victory for the administration by 100,000 votes. It will probably take several weeks to ascertain the results.

The elections to-day will be held at the offices of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Company under the supervision of a force of inspectors appointed by Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey. The polls will be opened at 10 a.m. and the voting will continue until 4 p.m. All of the ballots which have been gathered with great labor and expense by the companies and the committee representing dissatisfied policyholders, will be cast, while many individual policyholders will cast their votes in person. Notice of contests, it is expected, will be served regarding some of the votes secured and these questions will be decided by the inspectors but eventually they will go to the courts.

Most of the ballots are already in the hands of the two companies or the international committee. These that have been sent by mail to the New York Life have been stamped with the hour of receipt and tied away in packages of 250 without being opened in steel cases. These cases have been locked with two padlocks, one key being held by a representative of the company and another by Isaac Fuld, the representative of the insurance department. These ballots will formally be turned over to the inspectors. Ballots will also be received by proxy. Each ticket has proxy committees who will vote large numbers of ballots. The third way of voting is for the policyholder to take his ballot to the polls in person. A large box made in the fashion of those used in city elections has been provided for these ballots, and it is believed that many policyholders will take advantage of the opportunity of seeing their votes placed in the ballot box. It is not thought that the canvass of the votes will begin before to-morrow.

FARMERS AND TARIFF.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the Ontario Farmers' Association waited on Hon. W. S. Fielding to-day, and said they accepted the changes in the tariff as an installment in the direction of a lower tariff, but wanted more. This could be accomplished by means of the intermediate tariff being extended to certain countries so as to admit goods required by the farmer at a lower rate. The delegation also opposed the extension of the lion-bonnet, and said they ought to terminate in June as originally intended.

AN UNPRECEDENTED
AMOUNT OF MAIL

BEING HANDLED BY
LOCAL POST OFFICE

Dominion Express Company Also Ex-
perience Great Rush—Shipments
of Holly Very Large.

There has never been a year in the history of the city when the Christmas season has presented so much business to the post office and Dominion Express Company as this. The practice of sending holly to distant friends, which became so general last season, continues, and there has been a surprising amount of it sent to nearly all parts of this continent. San Francisco, usually a heavy purchaser, did not order to the same extent as in years gone by, but in this, in view of the terrible disaster which befell the city during the year, there is no cause for surprise. It has been the custom for a great number of years to ship several consignments south to the Golden Gate about this time of the year, but to date there has been only one heavy shipment made. This went by the Umatilla, sailing on Sunday night and comprised 40 packages, some in barrels, others in boxes, crates, etc. All was purchased by one man, who spent some time in the city visiting all the establishments where the favorite Christmas decorative material is sold.

But there is hardly any limit to the number of private parcels sent away. The Dominion Express Company has been forwarding great quantities of it every day for some time. The company has been doing fifty per cent. more business this year than last.

And what may be said with regard to the company also applies to the post office department, which has never heretofore experienced the rush it has had during the past week or so. Both in the mail and money order departments, Postmaster Shakespear reports an enormous increase in business, which would seem to indicate that the population of the city is continually growing. But in addition to the outgoing mail there is a corresponding increase in that which arrives. Owing to the interrupted rail services across the continent however, this latter has not been reaching Victoria with very great regularity. During the past month storms have had much to do with delaying trains, and as a result this city is oftentimes without an eastern mail.

The Charmer did not connect with the train from the East yesterday, but brought mail which reached Vancouver the preceding day.

ROBBERS STARTED FIRE

Property Value at Fifty Thousand Dollars Destroyed at Valdez.

A dispatch to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Valdez says: "Valdez narrowly escaped a total destruction by fire early Monday. The conflagration started in the Valdez Bank & Mercantile Company's store. Before it was got under control the fire had destroyed the Bank of Valdez, store and building. The total loss is \$50,000, partly covered by insurance."

"The blaze was started by bank robbers, who entered the bank by cutting through a brick vault to the safe. An attempt was made to open the safe but failed. The safe deposit boxes in the vault and silver were all taken. The safe contained \$65,000 in dust and currency. The robbers left tools and a hat in the vault. Five arrests have been made on suspicion."

"The burning of the hotel leaves the town in poor shape to handle the Fairbanks crowd."

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

Expenditures of Esquimalt and Halifax Stations—The Cattle Embargo.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—There were a number of questions answered at to-day's sitting of the House.

Sir Frederick Borden said that since June 30th, 1904, to October 31st, 1905, there was expended on the Halifax naval and military stations \$394,468, and on Esquimalt \$161,209.

Hon. Mr. Fisher said that in regard to the cattle embargo the Imperial authorities pointed out that the importation of Canadian cattle into Great Britain was a menace to the health of cattle there. Canada replied that there was no disease in cattle, and that therefore such a menace could not exist. Canada also protested against the unjust and unfair importation cast upon Canadian cattle. The government would not express an opinion as to the impossibility of its removal.

Hon. Mr. Patterson said that the government was not aware of any treaties now in force which would prevent the exclusion of the vessels of the following countries from the coasting trade of Canada: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Argentina Republic and Italy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Indianapolis from Seattle—W. K. Houston, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Spring, Mrs. Hewett, L. D. Shuter, wife and daughter, Mrs. Perry, J. Hazen, D. A. Pecks and wife, R. Sanderson, O. Sarge, C. McCallen, J. Vale, G. Williams and wife, T. Sherwood, F. J. Vincent, T. A. Jamison, V. Gillespie, J. Harper, H. Jennings, C. Harrison, Mrs. Williams, G. Clark and wife, Miss Clark, M. Combes and wife, W. Norton, B. Brown, F. Gardner and wife, T. Irvin, J. Olsen, T. C. Smith, J. Wilson, F. Patterson, W. Madson, R. Tucker and wife, H. Olsen, F. Green, W. R. Drew, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Crawford, J. Blaine, F. Watson, C. Clark.

The Mediterranean is supposed to be tideless, yet there are sometimes four feet of tide in the Adriatic.

Call and get your Green Worlock dividend on Thursday 10th inst., at 18 Trowce Avenue.

WILL BE REWARDED.

Local Electricians Are to Receive Watches For Assistance Given to Valencia Survivors.

"Gold watches, of the finest make and appropriately inscribed, are to be given by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to C. E. McWha, C. E. Mousley and G. K. Richmond, the three Victoria electricians who accompanied Lineman Logan when he went to the Valencia wreck," says to-day's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The watches are to be given as a token of the high esteem in which the men are held by the company and as a souvenir of their disinterested efforts on behalf of the survivors and the struggles they had to assist those who escaped from the wreck."

"D. McKenzie, general agent of the company, yesterday instructed R. P. Rithet & Co., their agents in Victoria, to secure three of the finest watches in the city and after having engraved on them an appropriate inscription, present them to the three men."

"Lineman Logan, accompanied by these three men, and made his way along the cliffs to the scene of the wreck. This party of four reached there just as the wreck broke up, and the lives of some fifty or more were blotted out before their eyes. They had exceptionally difficult times in aiding the few survivors through the woods to where food and clothing could be secured. Lineman Logan has previously been rewarded."

CONSERVATIVE'S COMPLAINT.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Mr. Martin, Conservative, Prince Edward Island, said in the house to-day that if better accommodation was not granted between the Conservatives and the Liberal Government would have to succumb.

LOCAL NEWS.

J. A. Knox, of Revelstoke, and John McMillan, of Nanaimo Island, are guests at the Dominion.

—Steamer Tees arrived this morning from Vancouver where she discharged some salmon, which she brought from the North.

—A novel package for a holiday gift: Miniature suit case, containing 25 Capital or Nugget cigars. Something special at all dealers.

—Xmas Presents For Dad and the Dear Boy.—Ties, handkerchiefs, gloves, braces, shirts, black hose, gloves, sweaters, wool mitts, Robinson's cash store.

—Schooner Victoria, Capt. Whidden, is in the Bay this afternoon ready to proceed to sea. She will be the first of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet to sail.

—The weekly rehearsal of the "Pied Piper" and the "Revenge" will be held to-morrow evening by the Victoria Musical Society in the city hall at 8 o'clock. All who can possibly do so, are asked to attend.

—John Arbuthnot and J. M. Savage left this morning for Nanaimo on business connected with their sawmill recently acquired in that city. Mr. Arbuthnot and his family have moved into their residence, Robleida.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Company will be held on the 25th inst., when a report on the recent sale of skins in London, England, will be presented, officers elected and plans discussed for the coming year's operations.

—The ship Vellores, Capt. Cornelius, which loaded lumber on the Fraser river seven or eight months ago, returned to the Roads this morning after a voyage of 45 days from Callao. The passage was uneventful. The vessel is in ballast and will receive lumber cargo at one of the British Columbia mills. The Vellores was picked up by the tug Lorne off the Cape, in which vicinity a number of inbound ships were sighted.

For Seattle and Port Townsend—Str. Indianapolis leaves daily except Thursdays. E. E. Stephen, Agent, 75 Govt. St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Chambermaid, immediately, at the King Edward Hotel.

FOR SALE—Real estate, 2 lots overlooking Oak Bay, \$1,000; 1 lot, Head street, \$300; 2 lots, 1 mile from Goldstream station, \$1,200. Apply to owner, F. J. Blumhardt, The Ark, 2 phones.

FOR SALE—This year's green, alive or dressed; Barred Rock cockerels, laying strain; well bred Gordon setter pups; 124 N. Pembroke street. Phone 43.

FOR SALE—On Dallas road, Fairfield, 7 rooms, 14 story house, with good cellar and 19 lots (10 ft. x 13 ft.), excellent view of Strath, only \$3,000. Address "S. 7" Times.

HOME FOR SALE—House, 7 rooms, modern, heat locality in city, price \$2,500. Call at \$1,000 less than value, will sell furniture cheap. Box 21, Times Office.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st
Claus Auden (Russian Opera Company), Comedian; (Russian Opera Company), Soprano, Miss Hazel Dayson, and a big chorus in

"The Governor's Wife"

A Musical Comedy by Claus Auden. Box office opens 10 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Mail orders, accompanied by cheque, will receive their usual attention. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Estate of Green, Worlock & Co.

Dividend No. 2, amounting to 20 per cent, will be paid by the Trustee at the office, No. 18 Trowce Avenue, on and after Thursday, the 29th inst., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., to the creditors who have proved their claim to be entitled to rank on the above estate. Notice is hereby given that interest certificates have to be produced.

B. S. HEISTERMAN, Trustee.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1906.

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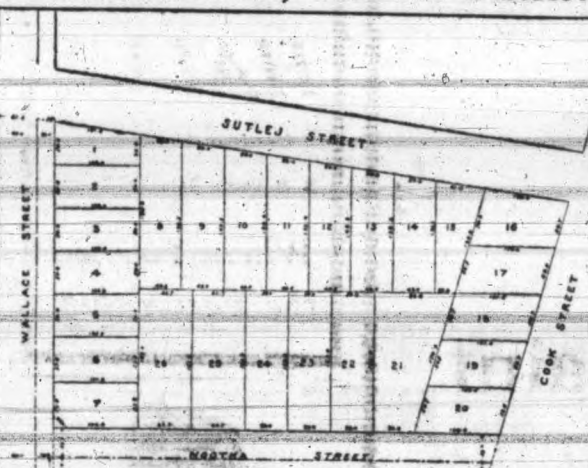
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Choice farm, 1 mile from Shawigan, 180 acres, 160 slashed, 25 cleared, fine \$2,500 house, outbuildings, etc., \$7,000.
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Sole Agents Silica Brick & Lime Co., Ltd.; Nogata Marble Quarries, Ltd.

ASK INCREASED GRANT.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The association for the prevention of consumption and other forms of tuberculosis waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day, and asked for an increase of the Dominion grant from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year. This will likely be done.

E. A. HARRIS & CO.

35 FORT STREET.

NORTH SAANICH.

A FINE RESIDENTIAL SITE situated at Basin Bay, consisting of 20 acres. Excellent soil, suitable for fruit; 90 acres cultivated, cottage, trunk road and railway passes through property. Price \$250 per acre. Terms Apply.

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Next New Grand Theatre,
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Municipality of the District of Oak Bay. Voter's List. Court of Revision. Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters List will be held in the School House, Post Bay road, on Saturday, 29th December, 1906, at 10 a. m.

By order, J. S. FLOYD, Clerk.

For Sale

AT PAR, 200 COMPANY'S SHARES. TERMS GIVEN. APPLY, IN FIRST INSTANCE, TO

The Taylor-Pattison Mill Co.

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Phone 364. Foot of Garbally Rd.
ONE BLOCK OFF GORGE ROAD.

20 ACRES OF LAND—3 miles from Post Office, between 60 and 70 acres cleared, two orchards, 2 houses, barns, etc., all fenced, beautiful location, with half mile of water front; price \$250 per acre, terms.

1 LOT—On View street, \$3,500, with two good houses, close in.

10 ACRES—8 cleared, all fine land, close in, \$750 per acre.

20 FEET—On Government street, between Fisguard street and Herald street, \$2,500.

5 LOTS—Sayward avenue, with 5 houses, renting for \$35 a month; price \$3,500.

YATES STREET—Lot, 60x120, with fine brick house and stable, \$7,500.

DWELLING HOUSE, 5 rooms and kitchen, bath and pantry, sewer connection, hot and cold water, corner lot, Fernwood road, \$1,500.

5 ACRES, at Gordon Head, fine corner property, good land, \$400 per acre.

10 ACRES—South Saanich, 30 cleared, all fenced, with house and barn, excellent timber, \$3,500.

CITY ACREAGE PROPERTY, close to car line.

17 ACRES, 1 cleared, balance slashed and seeded, first-class land, 4 1/2 miles from town, \$3,000.

15 ACRES, 6 cleared, with 1 1/2 story house, brick foundation, good cellar, barn, chicken houses, 13 fruit trees, 4 miles from town, \$4,000.

100 ACRES, 9 miles from Alberni, 3 miles from Great Centre Lake, 5 roomed house, large barn, 10 acres cleared, 13 head stock, implements, etc., \$5,000; half cash, balance mortgage 6 per cent.

5 ACRES, fruit, on Feltham road, all the drained, house, barn, sheds, \$1,500.

LOT, Spring Ridge, Clark street, \$250.

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY FOR SALE, we can sell it for you. Let us have particulars.



Christmas Novelties

We have received a large assortment of Christmas novelties and invite you to come and inspect them before the big rush. The goods are the best that can be secured at the most up-to-date houses, and the prices are very reasonable. We also call your attention to our beautiful display of cut glass and silverware, from which handsome presents can be easily selected.

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Magnificent Display of Xmas Presents, Novelties in all kinds of Chinese and Japanese Silk and Linen drawn Work and Embroidered Goods. Come and select your Presents, Fire Crackers, and Cakes.



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Week 17th December, 1906.
THE THREE WALSLEYS.
KURTIS AND BUSSE.
THE GREAT EARL.
AMY STANLEY.
JULIE HARRON.
GEORGE F. KEANE.
NEW MOVING PICTURES.

EMPRESS THEATRE.

Re-opens Thursday evening, December 20th, when the Empress Stock Company will present the favorite Irish play.

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Every Afternoon and Evening Next Week
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BELOW ZERO AND NO FUEL IN SIGHT

SITUATION AT BRANDON IS BECOMING SERIOUS

Public Schools and Hotels Closed, and Town May Shortly Be Without Electric Light.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 17.—With the thermometer registering 25 degrees below zero and not an ounce of coal or a stick of wood to be had for love or money, with hundreds of citizens entirely out of fuel, the situation in Brandon to-day was of a most serious nature.

No fuel of any kind has reached the city for any of the dealers, and their offices are crowded with those looking for fuel in any shape to keep their families from freezing.

All the public schools of the city closed down to-day.

Two of the hotels will have to be closed to-night, as fuel for cooking, to say nothing of heating, cannot be obtained. Other hotels are becoming very short, and if the situation is not relieved in a few days there will be very few open to the public.

Dozens of families have been forced to vacate their homes and go and live with their neighbors and friends.

The C. P. R. loaned an engine and snow plow on Saturday to the Souris Coal Company, for the purpose of cleaning out the siding to the mines, and it is reported that between thirty and forty cars are being loaded for Brandon.

The Electric Light Company, which uses a car a day, is nearly out, and there is every prospect that it will be closed down on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The asylum, hospital, Indian school, jail, Brandon college and other public buildings are becoming dangerously near being without fuel, and it will require large deliveries during the next few days to prevent suffering on a large scale.

Shortage at Hartney.

Hartney, Man., Dec. 17.—The following statement is on the authority of Mayor Hill: "The shortage of fuel in this town and district has become so alarming that some who are out of wood and coal have resorted to fence posts for fuel, while others are waiting to take the first train out of the district, having little hopes that a better state of things is likely to exist here for some time to come. The roller mill and the Hargreave Manufacturing Company have both closed on account of being unable to get fuel. A single car of coal that arrived this morning for a dealer provided about five hundred pounds of fuel to the farmers who were waiting in town with teams."

Across the Border.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 17.—The fuel situation to-day is critical. In every town in the northern half of the state coal can be had only in small quantities. In dozens of places there is none. Factories, schools, heating plants and industries generally have closed down for lack of coal.

Winter Weather.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 17.—Since yesterday the temperature in St. Paul has dropped twenty-eight degrees. The lowest temperature here to-day was six below zero, at Duluth and Moorhead the mercury fell to 16 below. At Bismarck it reached 20 below; at Devils Lake, 28 below, and at Williston, N. D., 34 below.

Fuel En Route.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—It is probable that in every affected state, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, the fuel famine crisis will be made a matter for legislative investigation. Towns suffering now, or recently, are seeking to have the subject brought up at the coming sessions of state legislatures.

It is a race now between the railroads and the colliers. If the weather cuts down the efficiency of the motive power and brings on heavy blizzards, there will be suffering and almost certain loss of life. Reports to-day indicate that the railroads are rushing fuel into the districts where there is either actual want or stocks are low.

Production Inadequate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, telegraphs the Interstate Commerce commissioners that the fuel famine in the Northwest is, in his opinion, due to an inadequate supply of the product. Mr. Elliott says his company advised coal dealers last week that a great increase in general business would probably produce a congestion at this season, and urged them to increase their orders then or to try and find new sources of supply.

"The difficulty in Montana, Idaho and Washington is that not enough coal is being produced to supply promptly the increased domestic trade and furnish the railroads with fuel for the operation of their trains," he says, adding that damage to equipment by floods further complicates the situation.

FOR GRAND LARCENY.

G. Burnham Sentenced to Two Years—Stay of Execution Granted.

New York, Dec. 17.—George Burnham, general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, who recently was convicted of grand larceny in using \$7,500 of the company's funds for his own purposes, to-day was sentenced to serve two years in state prison. Sentence was passed by Justice Greenbaum, of the supreme court, on an appeal which is to be taken. Later counsel secured from Supreme Court Justice O'Gorman an order to show cause why a certificate of reasonable doubt should not issue, and it is returnable Thursday.

The fellow who tells a girl he would die for her may some day have a chance to prove it by eating her biscuits—Philadelphia Record.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Captain of the Princess Victoria Louise Committed Suicide After Vessel Struck.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 17.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Princess Victoria Louise went ashore last night off Port Royal, whereupon Capt. Bruhnswig, her commander, blew out his brains in his cabin. The steamer's passengers were all safely landed here to-day.

The vessel was on her return trip to New York, which port she left for Kingston, December 12th. She is now pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but it is yet hoped she can be saved. She is on a rocky ledge.

The German cruiser Bremen is trying to float her, and the French training ship Duguay Trouin is preparing to leave port to assist. The captain's body is yet aboard the stranded ship.

The Victoria Louise went ashore because she had no pilot, and the captain who was in charge of her followed a wrong course and piled her up on the rocks near the lighthouse. He locked himself in his cabin two hours afterwards and killed himself.

The steamer's officers and the German consul here tried vainly to conceal the tragedy. The local police will take charge of the body and hold an autopsy. The captain will probably be buried in New York.

The sea was calm when the vessel struck, but the passengers became panic-stricken and much disorder ensued until they learned that there was no immediate danger. Their transfer to Kingston was without mishap. They are now quarantined at hotels. The weather blew heavily after the accident.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

Government Will Consent to Some Amendments—Leaders in Conference.

London, Dec. 17.—When the Education bill, amended by the House of Lords, sent back to the House committee and returned to the Upper House by the House of Commons, reached the House of Lords to-day, the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, announced that the government was prepared to sacrifice the main principles of the bill, but that with certain modifications the most important points might be agreed upon in order to enable the bill to become law. Lord Crewe added that concessions of a most substantial character would be made in view of this announcement the House of Lords consented to an adjournment of the debate in order to enable the leaders to reach an agreement.

The crisis arising from the Education bill has taken a new turn as a result of to-day's proceedings in the House of Lords, and it is becoming clear that a historic conflict between the two Houses is not likely to occur over the question of education. Both Houses are equally desirous of avoiding a conflict, and immediately after Lord Crewe announced in the House of Lords the important concessions the government was prepared to make, it was foreseen that in all probability the bill would be saved.

Immediately after the debate a round-table conference was held embracing the leaders of both sides, including Lord Crewe, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Lansdowne, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Archbishop of Canterbury and others. The result of these deliberations is not known as yet, but the general opinion is that a compromise will be arranged.

ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNELS.

Scheme Involves an Expenditure of Eight Million Dollars.

London, Dec. 17.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the English channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$8,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

Golden, B. C., Dec. 15.—The Conservatives of Columbia district to-night nominated a candidate to contest the riding in the interests of the Conservative party, at the approaching provincial elections.

Balloting commenced with four candidates for nomination. Two names were withdrawn, leaving H. G. Parsons and Capt. Armstrong in the field. After the ballots were counted by the scrutineers, H. G. Parsons was declared elected and the election made unanimous.

NEW MINISTER.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Oscar Strauss, of New York, to-day was inducted into the office of secretary of the department of commerce and labor. Later, Charles J. Bonaparte, the retiring secretary of the navy, took the prescribed oath as attorney-general. W. H. Moody, his predecessor, to-day entered upon his duties as associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States, thus bringing the court up to its full membership.

THE CRAPSEY CASE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Rev. Wm. A. Smith, of St. Paul's church, yesterday declared that many of the clergy would be tempted to abandon the ministry and find some freer atmosphere in which to serve Christ, if the decision of the diocese of western New York, which expelled Dr. Crapsey on heresy charges, were made the decision of the entire Episcopal church.

TRANSVAAL CONSTITUTION.

London, Dec. 17.—After a debate of several hours, and on secretary of Winston Churchill, the House of Commons to-day approved the grant of constitutions to the Transvaal and Orange River colonies.

According to a dispatch received by R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, who is at present in the city, Shingoose, the Indian secretary for the natives of McIntosh and Le-Claire, has not come in to yield himself up to the authorities. The dispatch came from Mrs. Loring.

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THE RESERVE QUESTION.

We should not be too censorious of the Indians of the Songhees reserve. They are to-day what we have made them by coming in and taking possession of all the lands they formerly held as an inheritance. We are somewhat inclined to sympathize with the attitude of Chief Cooper. The Indians, while not absolutely free agents, being wards of the state, have by constant association with their free and independent neighbors, become imbued with our ideas of individual liberty and freedom of individual action. Apparently they cannot understand why they should not be permitted to dwell in peace beneath what they regard as their own vines and fig-trees after the manner of their more assertive neighbors. If a white man holds a piece of property he cannot be compelled to dispose of it except upon the ground that the interests of the community at large are paramount. In the case of the reserve there can be no question that the interests at large of the city of Victoria demand that Chief Cooper and his tribe be removed and the land upon which they are settled be devoted to purposes to which the Indians themselves can never apply it. At the same time, we must try and put ourselves in the place of the Indians, who perceive that property in Victoria is rapidly increasing in value. Apparently the Chief and his people cannot comprehend why they should not be just as free as white men to profit by the growth of the trade and commerce of the city of which they and their forebears have been dwellers ever since it had an existence and long before the aggressive white man set his foot upon these shores. They say they are quite willing to accept the terms proposed by the agent of the Dominion government, which they recognize as extremely generous, provided they are endowed with the reserve upon which they have set their hearts. When told that the conditions they impose are impossible because the owners of the land they demand cannot be induced to part with it, the retort they make is a very natural one: if others cannot be compelled to sell why should we? Why should a different measure of justice be meted out to us to that which is accorded our neighbors? So that it will scarcely be denied that the attitude of the Indians is quite natural.

The situation is an extremely difficult one. While we sympathize with Chief Cooper, and certainly cannot countenance the idea that he and his fellow-tribesmen shall be taken by the scruff of the neck and bundled off the reserve, there is no question that some effective action must be taken to throw

open the reserve to the purposes of commerce. The interests of the whole of the people of Victoria demand this. It is not to be tolerated that the sentiments of a tribe of Indians should be permitted to block the progress of such an important community as that which has been gathered around the Songhees reserve. Questions of a like character have developed in other portions of Canada, and they have been dealt with to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Chief might as well understand that if special legislation should be deemed necessary, eventually special legislation will be resorted to. But we hope wiser councils will prevail with the tribe and that no such drastic measures will be necessary.

ALARMED ABOUT CANADA.

It is very pleasing indeed to note that the press of Great Britain is devoting a great deal of attention to Canadian affairs and speculating not a little as to the future of this country. It has been said that outsiders are privileged to observe, with the greatest accuracy all the moves of the game. It is evident our friends at home are either gifted with a clearer vision than we are or they are over-anxious about our future, because they see currents and movements in our life that are not apparent to those on the spot. A correspondent of the London Standard, W. Richmond Smith, has been telling readers of that influential journal that sensational developments are quickly taking place in Canada which, unless speedily appreciated in their true significance and checked by a definite move on the part of the Imperial government, may within comparatively few years result in: 1st. Commercial reciprocity between the Dominion and the United States, an arrangement which would make the realization of the Imperial policy enunciated by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain difficult of accomplishment, if not absolutely impossible. 2nd. The gradual absorption of Canada by the Republic through the creation of a community of commercial and financial interests, with the severance of British connection as the logical ultimate outcome. In making a broad statement of this kind one is always, more or less fairly, open to the accusation of being an alarmist, especially in the Mother Country, where matured national conditions call for conservatism in the conduct of the nation's affairs. It must be remembered, however, says Mr. W. Richmond Smith, that a totally different set of primary conditions exists in Canada, with its enormous unpopulated areas and vast undeveloped natural resources. In addition, the country is at present in a state of rapid evolutionary development. There are no fixed conditions. Everything is in a state of more or less continual change. A nation now great a nation even those best qualified to speak hesitate to say—is being born. The Canadian people are given credit in the Mother Country for being loyal to British connection. They are now, and have been for half a century, under conditions which have led up logically to a parting of the ways. The time is now at hand when Canada must choose her future course. The sentiment of the people, pride in their British origin, love of British institutions, and hope in the future of the Empire to which they belong, bind them closely to the Motherland, but the population of Canada is changing—changing month by month and year by year—as square mile after square mile of fertile prairie lands is being made the productive home of an alien population. Under such conditions it is obvious that ties of sentiment only will not, and cannot, hold Canada to her allegiance to the British Empire.

There is no doubt that sensational developments are taking place, but that "a great nation is being born," but that a change is taking place in the political sentiments of the people is not so obvious to the elements from which the great nation is being formed. There is no movement on either side of the line that is likely to culminate in the commercial reciprocity which is regarded as the preliminary step to federal or organic union. We think our friends in Great Britain are prone to raise false alarms. Canadians may safely be trusted to guard their own destinies. They are well satisfied with their present political institutions, and if there is one feeling in their hearts more pronounced than another it is that of repugnance to any idea of a union with the United States.

UNCLE SAM AND THE SEALS.

The Toronto Globe says: "The extermination of the seal herds which resort to the Pribyloff Islands would be discreditable to our civilization. That may be admitted without admitting that the solution of it is to prohibit every other nation except the United States from taking seals. That is the solution that the United States authorities desire, but it is altogether too altruistic for ordinary work-a-day international relations. The fact is that the seal is just as legitimate a subject of deep-sea hunting as the mackerel which the American purse seiners pursue off Canadian waters. What would Washington say if we were to furnish proof of the fact that the mackerel schools were being diminished, and that if destructive methods were continued they would soon disappear, and followed this up with the request that they should prohibit their fishermen from catching mackerel

on the high seas? Washington would, of course, treat it as a cheeky request.

"The threat has been made that if Canadians did not cease catching seals the Alaska Company would deliberately exterminate the whole herd. To realize how lop-sided the American proposal is it is only necessary to ask how much worse off Canadians would be if they agreed to retire from seal-hunting. In the latter case they would have the proud consciousness of having preserved a monopoly for the Alaska Commercial Company, and continued Uncle Sam's handsome revenue from the lease. If they paid monopoly prices for the seal-skins—it is to be hoped that they would do so with a good grace.

"Does President Roosevelt think the matter can be settled in this way? Although the United States own the islands to which the animals resort, this does not give them a title to every seal that swims the ocean. Canada and Japan, as Pacific Ocean powers, have rights that must be recognized, and no settlement that ignores the fact would be just. The settlement that seems to be needed is some plan of internationalizing the islands and regulating the traffic so as to deprive it of its monopoly features."

And what about the salmon which resort to the Fraser river and its tributaries in order to fulfil the instincts of their being? It is within the power of Canadians to place effective obstructions to the annual run of the fish and thus to kill off one of the most profitable industries of the state of Washington. That would be quite as reasonable a proposition as the suggestion of the agents of the Alaska Commercial Company with reference to the seals. And it is worthy of note that up to the present time, although Canadians have adopted stringent measures and expended money generously for the purpose of preserving and increasing the wealth of the fishery industries of these waters, no really effective assistance in the way of regulations has been received from the state of Washington.

If the confession will convey any balm to the wounded susceptibilities of our erratic and touchy contemporary, we do not mind saying that we are animated by selfish motives in holding that all the efforts of Victorians should be directed towards building up the commerce of the city of Victoria. And while we are dealing with the subject we may say something that is well known: that Victorians have been known to be largely interested in property in other places than Victoria and to have made large fortunes out of their investments. We do not say there was anything improper in the actions of such individuals. They acted in their own interests and profited quite properly from the information they received. Our contention now is that we should not as loyal Victorians become parties to the sidetracking of Victoria again. The thing happened once; we should not permit it to occur again if we can do anything to prevent it. Call that selfishness if you will, but it is at least justifiable from the fact that it is communal selfishness.

It would appear from reports in Oregon newspapers that a large portion of the population of that state is moving northward to Alberta. A fine, industrious people they are in Oregon, too, and they will make almost ideal settlers. In common with their fellow-Canadians in the new provinces of Canada, these former Oregonians will require much that can only be produced in British Columbia. Consequently while benefiting themselves they will add to the already abounding prosperity of this province. Nothing now except a period of extraordinary depression, which is not at present in sight, can check the progress of any part of Canada.

THE BABINE LAND.

The Indian Department has bought About 1,540 Acres From Province.

The arrangements entered into by R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, looking to the acquiring of land for the Babine Indians will provide for about 1,540 acres near Babine lake. These will be acquired at the regular prices paid for government lands, according to the valuation of them into first, second or third class lands.

Mr. Loring will go over it as soon as he can in the spring for the purpose of making the classification. Having a good general knowledge of the land selected, Mr. Loring says that there is not much of it which will come within the first class rank. A large part of it is hilly, the land being a crumbling clay. This will be acceptable to the Indians for grazing purposes. There has been some bottom land obtained which will be adapted to the raising of vegetables by the Babines.

The area is not contained in one block, but on the contrary an arrangement was reached between the chief commissioner and Mr. Loring which suited each better than this. About 640 acres will be got back of Fort Babine, and near the river. The remaining 1,000 acres will be selected in part in small blocks about the homes which the Indians have built for themselves along the lake long before the white man came into occupation. The rest of the 1,000 acres will be bought near the old fort.

"In connection with the report of the annual meeting of the Esquimalt Liberal Association held on Saturday evening, names were omitted. In mentioning the executive two were overlooked. These were Messrs. J. J. Laird and F. V. Hobbs who were chosen to represent the San Juan district.

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"The tramway is expected to be the least profitable part of the concern. It will, no doubt, largely supplant the cab traffic, which is not inconsiderable on its route. More than that it can hardly do without introducing a minor revolution into the habits of the natives.

"Furthermore, local time is not money, although the present undertaking may, by a happy combination of cause and effect, conduce to make it so. Similarly, electric light supplied at a reasonable rate may create a larger demand for artificial light. As will be seen from the foregoing remarks, Damascus has certain industrial preten-

sions. How far electric power is likely to be applied, even with an increased import tariff, in a conservative country where water power is forthcoming, to existing or to new industries, is scarcely within the range of this report. It is enough to note how nearly the progress of Damascus is bound up with the destiny of the company."

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says a writer in Leslie's Weekly.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—Pennock, the jeweler, is selling diamonds this Xmas at last Xmas prices, 74 Yates street.

—A meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held in the board of trade building on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

—The honorary secretary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, Thomas Shortt, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of \$10 from Wm. Fernie.

—The court of revision composed of Mayor Morley, Ald. Yates and Fullerton will meet at the city hall on Friday morning when any complaints regarding the municipal voters' list will be considered.

—The committee of the Aged Women's Home is in receipt of a Christmas donation of \$10 from Mr. Fernie. Through these columns the committee desires to express its thanks for the gift.

—A meeting of the Conservatives of the Saanich electoral district will be held at the Royal Oak schoolhouse tomorrow evening for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent them at the next general provincial elections.

—On the 20th inst. the creditors of the Green-Worlock estate will be paid another dividend. Payment will take place at 18 Trowace avenue, through R. S. Heisterman, who is the trustee of the estate. This will be the second dividend within a few months.

—A dispatch from Quebec says: "A detachment of twenty-five non-commissioned officers and men and two lieutenants from Quebec, intended to augment the artillery men of Work Point garrison leaves to-day, arriving in Victoria on Monday."

—A city inspection of milk sold by different vendors is in progress and in due time a report will be submitted to the authorities. A great many tests have already been made which show a good quality of milk peddled, but there have been one or two cases, it is understood, which may call for special attention.

—The death took place yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital of Capt. John Nickoll, of Victoria West at the age of 75. Deceased was a native of Brightham, Devonshire, and had lived for many years in this city. He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn his loss. The remains were removed to the services of W. J. Hanna, awaiting funeral arrangements.

—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school will take place in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Friday evening. Supper will be served to the children at 7 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock a carefully prepared programme by the children, under the direction of Miss Mary Hutchinson, will be presented, after which Santa Claus is expected to appear and distribute to each child a gift from a beautifully decorated tree.

—At a meeting of the Bartenders' union, which was held yesterday officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, H. Earle; vice-president, C. E. Johnston; financial secretary, D. Bittancourt; recording secretary, E. J. Harris; treasurer, T. McAvoy; inside guard, P. Ferris; inspector, R. Eccles; chaplain, W. McAllister; trustees, C. R. Johnston, P. Paulson and J. Meldrum; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, E. Harris and W. Jones.

—At the regular weekly meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Calvary Baptist church last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Wm. Dinsmore; vice president, Miss C. Zimmerman (re-elected); secretary, Miss P. Thomson (re-elected); treasurer, Miss M. Freeman (re-elected); organist, Miss M. Andrews. R. Bagshaw and Dr. W. Russell were elected to serve as members of the executive with the above named officers. The programme committee are preparing a series of missionary topics for study during the coming terms, and members are looking forward to profitable and interesting meetings. The society are also arranging for a thanksgiving and water night service on the last night of the year.

—Buy your best girl a pair of kid slippers at Robinson's cash store.

ALBERTIANS LOOKING FOR HOMES IN CITY

Attracted by Climate And Riches of
Vancouver Island They Are
Coming Here.

H. Gibson, who recently arrived in this city with his family from Edmonton, has taken up his residence in Victoria. He expresses himself satisfied to locate in this city in spite of the good times which are being experienced in Alberta. Mr. Gibson thinks that the prices paid for Victoria realty is none too high. In the prairie sections of the Dominion lots are sold at higher prices than prevail here, although the cities have not half the population of Victoria. As an instance of this he says that the sum paid by the Northern Bank for the corner of Government and Yates streets would be realized for the same sized lot without the building on it in Regina.

Mr. Gibson says that there are those who are lamenting the fact that they did not buy last year, but he thinks that the same lament will come next year, because prices will continue to advance.

There are hundreds of young men with from \$200 to \$500 who are coming from Alberta to Victoria to live and who will find business here. They will, he says, start up in various lines when they see up the situation. Attracted by the delightful climate and the richness of Vancouver Island, these men are seeking to make homes for themselves here.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Regular Meeting Held Last Evening—Paper Read by Canon Beaulieu.

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening in their rooms in the parliament buildings, the president, E. A. Wallace, presiding, and several visitors being present.

Upon conclusion of the usual routine business the paper of the evening was given by Canon Beaulieu, the subject being entitled: "An Introduction to the Study of Mammals." The able lecturer traced the mammals from their first evolution from the reptiles step by step through the various geological epochs, at the same time carefully and plainly explaining the various peculiarities of their anatomical structure, by the aid of numerous skulls and bones.

The lecture was highly interesting and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Canon Beaulieu at the conclusion.

The next meeting of the society will be held on January 13th, 1907, when another valuable paper will be read.

The fund conducted by the Local Council of Women for the purpose of presenting Mrs. Thomas Patterson with a Christmas purse, the testimonial in appreciation of the bravery displayed by her on the occasion of the Coloma and other shipwrecks, will be closed to-day. Collectors are requested to hand in their receipts to the Times or Colonist offices to-day.

The following contributions to this fund have been received at the offices of the Times and Colonist:

The Times	5.00
Richard Hall, M. P.	2.00
Anonymous	1.00
Capt. A. H. Burns	1.00
The Colonist	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Todd	1.00
Capt. Currie, R. N.	1.00
D. H. Ker	5.00
Capt. H. F. Brown	1.00
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E. Moffatt	1.00
R. W. Dunsmuir	1.00
Mrs. J. Parker	1.00
The Times	5.00
F. V. Hobbs	5.00
Mrs. R. McManus	5.00

A beautiful illuminated address is being designed on parchment by Surveyor-General McKay at the request of the Local Council of Women to be presented to Mrs. Patterson in addition to the Christmas purse which is being subscribed. The illuminations take the form of symbols, the large gold star of hope, surmounting all. Underneath the star appears the text of the address and at the side of the text a pretty ornamentation in lifebuoys and ropes.

The gold star at the head of the address resplendently from a background of color which takes the form of an anchor and crossed oars, while in the left hand corner the dove of peace casts its soft shadow on the strenuous story implied by the other designs. The address will be set in a deep frame and will be draped with silken Union Jacks, forming, in its complete form, a beautiful and artistic reminder of the public's esteem in which Mrs. Patterson has placed herself through her heroic devotion to self-imposed duties.

The movement to recognize Mrs. Patterson's bravery which has been in progress among Seattle shipping men and others since the Coloma disaster is now taking more definite form. On Friday last the Seattle Chamber of Commerce was asked by a representative body of shipping men to present Mrs. Patterson's case to the Carnegie Hero Fund and to request that a medal be awarded to her. A testimonial has been drawn up and will be sent, together with a Christmas purse, as representative of Seattle sentiment in regard to her heroism. The Seattle shippers asked R. B. Rihet & Company to furnish them with a full account of the Coloma wreck and the part taken by Mrs. Patterson in the rescue. The following reply was sent:

We are duly in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply have to state that there is no doubt whatever that had Mrs. Patterson not gone over the trail to Huntfield the crew of the barque Coloma would have lost their lives. The trail is four and one-half miles long, and in some places was in such bad condition that she had to leave it and take to the bush. We understand that even if the weather had calmed down, had the Quadra not reached the wreck at the time she did, there would have been no possibility of the crew's being saved from any other source, as all the vessel's boats had been washed away.

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of last night's Times which gives a true description of what happened, and if there is any other information you would like to receive, we shall have been no possibility of the crew's being saved from any other source, as all the vessel's boats had been washed away.

J. H. LAWSON, Vice-President.
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THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

John Griffith as King Richard—"The Governor's Wife" on Friday.

The presentation of "King Richard the Third" at the Victoria theatre last night was well received by a half filled house. Of John Griffith, who played the title role, all who have seen him speak enthusiastically.

Last night the tragedian did not belie his popularity. From start to finish he was easily the best of an excellent set of players. And since comparisons are odious it may be said that he was really good, and gave a human rendering of a character that vibrates with life.

Like all Shakespeare's kings Richard the Third is not a great man. He is rather the portrait of a man whose ambition that will use either honeyed words or the point of the sword to gain his ends. This conception of the dramatist has been thoroughly taken to heart by John Griffith, and the result was a striking portrayal of the man who waded to a throne through blood.

In the fourth act, where Richard was crowned king of England, Griffith was seen at his best. The crafty scheming of the deformed Duke is thrown aside and the remorseless, full blooded passion of the ambitious king swept all obstacles from the way. Here the tragedian was given scope for intense dramatic action, and, if he responded in a manner peculiarly his own, his rendering of the part was none the less interesting on that account.

Again in the sixth act Griffith held the audience with the sway of a master for a brief few minutes. The time in the play was just prior to the field of Bosworth and Richard has returned from the troubled dream in which he sees the forms of those he has murdered. Here the action depicted in a genuinely dramatic manner the phantom haunted brain of the monarch whom repeated crimes and overshadowing catastrophe have well-nigh driven crazy.

Indeed, taking everything into consideration and notably the fact that Griffith received but poor support, it was an extremely interesting portrayal of one of the grandest conceptions of genius.

Among the minor parts in the play there was only one deserving of notice.

Miss Emily Clifton gave a pleasing characterization of the youthful Duke of York.

"The Governor's Wife."

One of the merriest musical productions of recent times in this continent is that of "The Governor's Wife," the laughable comic opera which will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Friday evening, December 21st, by the author, Claude Amaden, and a strong company. The piece made a decided hit in New York and since going on the road it has experienced an unbroken chain of successes. Mr. Amaden possesses many fine qualities as a vocalist and is a comedian of a refined and entertaining nature and, with Miss Hazel Davenport, the prima donna, and a well-balanced and capable troupe in support, his presentation of "The Governor's Wife" is sure to prove one of the best musical attractions of the local season. Miss Davenport is a soprano of high talent and one of the cleverest comic opera singers ever seen in the west. Mr. Amaden needs but little recommendation to local playgoers having won great popularity when, with Miss Davenport, he was associated with the Russian Opera Company.

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FOUR CHILDREN PERISHED.

House of Rancher Destroyed by Overturning of Lamp.

North Yakima, Dec. 15.—The house of Lawrence Tolbert, a rancher of the Cowichee, was destroyed by fire last night, and three of his children burned to death. The deceased are Hugh, aged 10 years; Nellie, aged 8 years, and Alice, aged 6 years, died this morning. Ethel Tolbert, a younger child, was badly burned, and died this morning. The fire was started by the breaking of a lamp which one of the children was carrying. The lamp was dropped on the floor, and as soon as it broke the flames enveloped the children and spread so rapidly that the parents, who were in another room, could not save them. The entire house was consumed, together with its contents.

LAIN AT REST.

Funeral of George Pottinger Took Place Monday Afternoon.

A very large number attended the funeral of Geo. Pottinger, which took place on Monday from the family residence, Kingston street. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted appropriate services, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Alex. Wilson, Jno. Moston, John Fullerton, Geo. Stout, R. Rendall and Thornton Bell. Many beautiful floral tributes were presented.

Rev. Father Flear conducted the services on Monday in connection with the funeral of the infant daughter of N. Garrill, of Johnson street.

There was a large attendance of relatives and sympathizing friends at the funeral of James Shields, which took place from the family residence, Putnam street, Sunday afternoon at 2.30, and proceeded to St. John's church. Services were conducted by Rev. P. J. Jennis at the church and grave. There were many beautiful floral emblems presented. The members of the Ancient Order of Foresters attended in a body. Mr. J. Woodcock, acting C. R., conducted the A. O. F. service at the grave, and the following members of the order acted as pall-bearers: P. Partridge, S. Whittaker, P. Caruso, H. Callow, W. J. Webb, P. Casselton.

On Saturday afternoon the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Shandley were laid at rest at the Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral left the residence of Peter Shandley, 21 Menzies street, at 2 o'clock, and service was conducted in Christ Church cathedral by Rev. E. G. Miller, who also officiated at the grave. Many friends and sympathizers were in attendance and a profusion of floral tributes paid testimony to the esteem in which deceased was held.

The pall-bearers were: John McGraw, T. M. Bryshaw, S. B. Temple, George Mitchell, A. Tripp and J. S. Adam.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Gwynnap were laid at rest on Saturday afternoon at the Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral left the family residence, 4 North Park street, at 2.30 p.m. A service was held in the house before the cortege left by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were sent. The pall-bearers were: W. Drysdale, F. J. Hall, John Weston, J. Morrison, W. Duval and W. R. Hicks.

A HAUNTED HOUSE.

Civil Action for Damages Against Newspaper Is Dismissed by Judge.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—A "haunted" house in the north end of the city created considerable comment a year ago last summer. The Free Press of this city made a news paragraph of crowds around the residence, and what attracted people there. Mrs. Vogay, the owner of the place, which is the finest in that part of the city, entered an action against the paper, claiming \$10,000 damages.

She said it was impossible to sell the property after the article appeared. Several real estate agents testified along the same lines in her favor. This morning Judge Macdonald dismissed the case with costs.

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We have just received a delayed shipment of Holly Paperies in Azure White and Gray. Intended selling these at 35c, 40c and 50c a box. They make excellent Christmas gifts. Have decided to clear the lot out, 500 boxes at 20c, 25c and 30c a box, and will print initials or names on paper in gold or silver for 50 cents. This is an unusual offer.

For the balance of the week we will sell our local Christmas Cards 10 cents each, 3 for 25c and 7 for 50c.

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Displays This Year Larger Than
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Heretofore.

Business houses throughout the city are again in holiday attire. In keeping with the festivities of the season all the store windows have been decked out in their very best. As usual holly and evergreen of a great many descriptions, peculiarly characteristic of the city, have been adapted to good purpose, this mingling in strange contrast to the dull bedecked windows indicative of other climes. Some of the effects in decoration are very attractive and ingenious, while a number of the stocks displayed are larger than have ever heretofore been seen in the city. A number of the merchants acknowledge that they are carrying more goods than they ever did before, and in a great many instances, the staffs of employees have been almost doubled within the past year.

WEILER BROS.

This firm is the most complete and exclusive house furnishing establishment in Western Canada for high class goods. Quality is the first consideration, although their extensive wholesale business demands goods from the lower priced articles to meet the many country orders which they are called upon to fill and which always receive their prompt attention.

The furniture manufactured by this firm of native woods is rapidly gaining favor. They are lower priced and better made than the cheap Eastern goods, so extensively brought into this country in former years. People are gradually learning that better goods can be manufactured in Victoria at a more reasonable cost.

This firm also do all their own upholstering, and make to order special articles which may be desired.

On account of the ever-increasing improvement in high class trade, they have just installed an elaborate cut glass room in black trimmings and reflecting mirrors.

This room is well worth inspection, being the finest in the West. The shelves are stocked with the best goods that can be made, and in it Libbey predominates, making it a marvel of beauty and completeness.

The silverware department also shows great taste, and reflects much credit on the buyer of these lines. It only needs a careful inspection to convince one of the quality of these goods.

The finest bar, bank, office and store fixtures in British Columbia were manufactured by this firm, and a visit to the different offices will readily convince one as to their ability, trustworthiness and manner in the execution of this special line. They have retained their high standard since being established in 1862.

The fine hardwood furnishing throughout the new C. P. R. Empress hotel is being made by this firm, as they are practically the only ones in this province able to properly execute same.

The fine upholstery work and nearly all the furnishings are also being put in by them in competition with many large Eastern firms.

There is no contract too large for this enterprising house, which is the pride of all Victorians, and the wonder of the tourist and traveler.

CHALLONER & MITCHELL.

There was a throng of customers in the big Challoner & Mitchell jewelry establishment when the Times reporter paid a visit yesterday afternoon. It is almost a Christmas custom that nearly half of the presents made by friend to friend at this festive period come out of the jewellers' stores, and a peep into the big store on Government street, where the electric lights turn the treasures of jewelry into a scintillating blaze, will confirm even the skeptic who believes that precious metals, gem and other wares are becoming less popular year by year as Yuletide gifts.

Challoner & Mitchell have this year provided the purchasing public with a field of selection greatly in advance of former years. No more comprehensive or representative a stock than that at present carried for the benefit of the Christmas trade can easily be imagined. It embraces wares that cater to the tastes of all and fulfill the requirements of all, whether practical, artistic or ornamental. Running the eye over the many show cases, the when it has overcome the glitter of the silver, gold and gems, discover a collection of beautiful things suitable for presents to lady or gentleman. Rings, bracelets, pendants, watches, pencil cases, cuff links, studs and a hundred

other useful articles for personal use and adornment. Silver inkstands, toilet sets, brushes, card cases, combs, shaving sets, cigar holders, paper knives, walking sticks and so on until the brain tires of counting the many and wonderful creations of the jewellers' art as applied to the work of other craftsmen. It is a matter for comment that the modern jewellers' store offers a field for buyers of all classes, and whether their purses be long or otherwise, there is always something to attract their attention and call out their money. That is the reason, probably, that so few people ever enter Challoner & Mitchell's store without purchasing. There are pretty little street car ticket cases, handy and attractive, and silver-mounted pencil cases, hat pins and bimbles, and a host of pretty and useful little gifts that can be obtained from 25 cents upward. On the other hand the firm can supply diamond rings and expensive jewelry ranging in price up to an almost unlimited price.

The babies have been especially taken into consideration this year, and a courteous salesman pointed out to the reporter a galaxy of shining rings, watches, spoons, fans, pocket knives and the like, all on the small scale and designed for the use of the younger generation. Nothing seems to have been overlooked in stocking the store, and nothing appears to be lacking in the way of Christmas goods. To wander into the establishment at present, when a crowd of eager shoppers are buying the wherewithal to please their friends and relatives on the great gift day of the year, is to purchase something. No one can escape the charm of that glittering, entrancing and eminently satisfying blaze of beauty and usefulness.

SMITH & CHAMPION.

Smith & Champion, who have within the year found it necessary to enlarge their accommodation, are showing a splendid line of furniture and house furnishings. With goods manufactured largely in their own quarters there is ample variety for the most fastidious Christmas buyers. In Morris chairs perhaps a specialty is being made by this firm, and many models are shown.

FORESTER'S PAINT STORE.

In order to meet the demands of the Christmas trade Mr. Forester, on Douglas street, in addition to the paint and picture framing stock, has put in a line of pictures suitable for the season. There is a fine variety to choose from.

WALLACE'S GROCERY.

W. O. Wallace, the grocer at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, has made a very elaborate and tempting display in his window. The luscious fruits of local growth combined with the best selected dried and imported fruits and groceries make a display which is sure to entice the epicure. In addition to this the windows have been embellished with holiday adornments.

J. MAYNARD.

James Maynard's boot and shoe store on Douglas street is always an attraction. The Christmas trade more than ordinary care has been taken and with holly and Christmas pictures the well selected samples of boots and shoes is made to show up in a specially enticing way.

CAPITAL FURNITURE COMPANY.

This company, which has just recently been organized, is displaying a fine line of goods at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. The company have in mind very extensive additions to the stock and the incorporation of new lines of furnishings, but there is at present a high class collection from which holiday buyers may make a wise selection.

J. W. ROBINSON.

In this store on Yates street there is a very attractive display of dry goods from which holiday traders may make a wise selection. Making a specialty of staple lines of goods, the firm is in a good position to meet demands along these lines.

WESTCOTT BROS.

The well known dry goods firm of Westcott Bros. have had an exceptionally good Christmas trade. Following a season of marked improvement in trade they have experienced a busy week in what may be classified as mere holiday business. The inside of their spacious business place has been very neatly decorated, giving a holiday air to the premises. The stock, which is always kept up to date, and very carefully selected, offers a splendid opportunity to those seeking goods for Christmas. All branches of the dry goods trade are well represented and in almost any variety sought.

STODDART'S JEWELRY.

A jewelry store is always an attractive place at this season of the year. Stoddart's store on Yates street, into which he moved a short time ago, is replete with the many lines of attractive goods with which he has stocked the shelves of his new premises.

J. COCHRANE.

J. Cochrane, the druggist, in addition to the general stock strictly pertaining to his business, makes it a point at this time of the year to provide goods specially adapted to the holiday pur-

chaser. With showy goods, fine perfumes and toilet articles the windows of the store are a strong attraction to those who seek a useful and pretty article for friends.

PINCH & FINCH.

Chasocuro is the keynote of the display in the store of Finch & Finch. A rainbow effect is at once produced on the visitor here. The light and dark colors of the many articles are shown up in an entrancing manner, with the result that even the shop gazer is compelled to purchase.

The firm of Finch & Finch has risen to the Yuletide demand. Although a store where men's commodities are sold, this season a large collection of ladies' kid gloves adorn the windows.

Since its inception the firm has inspired great confidence by the reliable nature of the goods. Acting on this result large consignments of Christmas articles have been stocked. These take the form of fancy vests, fancy ties, and gloves of every color and variety. These latter have been stocked to meet the exigencies of Christmas presents. And the forethought of the firm has met with its reward, for already numbers of the fair sex are frequenting the store and the sale of gifts is daily growing brisker.

In the fancy tie department there is no color or description lacking. Finch & Finch make a feature of this branch and claim that they possess the largest assortment on the Pacific coast. In quality everything is high class, and in price everything reasonable.

M. W. WAITT & CO.

M. W. Waitt & Co., Ltd., report business as very brisk in all lines. Several of their best grades of pianos, such as the Heintzman & Co., Nordheimer and New Scale Williams will grace the parlors of citizens this Christmas, a large number having been ordered by the United States patent records. It is the smallest and most compact instrument of the kind, and is fitted with the phrasing lever and melody buttons, which give to the playing the individual quality of the finished pianist. These important features are found on no other players, as they are protected by patents. Messrs. Waitt & Co. report their trade in talking machines, records, etc., as being splendid. They carry the complete stock of Edison Gold Molded cylinder and gramophone disc records, and since putting in the complete catalogue their business has increased by leaps and bounds. The firm are to be congratulated on having been appointed jobbers by the National Phonograph Co. of New York, makers of the Edison machines and records, and will after the first of the year carry a very large stock of all machines, records and supplies. Practically all the business from British Columbia will be controlled by them.

E. G. PRIOR & COMPANY.

This large wholesale and retail hardware establishment, situated at the corner of Government and Douglas streets, with branches at Vancouver, Kamloops and Vernon, have in stock a more extensive line than they have ever had in previous years. This immense stock includes a very large assortment of goods specially adapted for the Christmas trade. It includes an exceedingly fine line of George Westinghouse and Sons' X. L. pocket cutlery of over 250 different varieties. This celebrated brand, which has been the most popular on this market for a number of years, seems to be a stronger favorite than ever, and E. G. Prior & Co. make a specialty of it. At this season there is always a large demand for cutlery sets in Victoria as elsewhere, but for the local trade the management has been careful in the selection made and has had made particularly for its business sets of distinct styles. These are very tasty and ornate in both design and finish. They are indeed well worthy of inspection. Of table cutlery, however, there is a display to meet the demand of all classes. But the firm has not endeavored to cater exclusively to this trade. There is, for instance, on hand the finest of mechanical tools ever imported into this city, consisting of such well known lines as L. S. Starrett's high grade manufactures, North Bros., Yankee tools, Stanley Rule and Level Company's planes, rules and levels, Sargent's chisels, draw knives, etc., Maydole's hammers and Blood's hatchets, bench axes, etc., also a fine line of German tools made by Boker. In sundry goods there are some special first saw machines with or without lathes, Universal bread makers, coffee percolators and other household articles.

The firm reports that the wholesale trade of Christmas goods which commenced in August and is now over to be many times in excess of last year. In the territory which the firm's travelers cover from the coast as far as Coleman, Alberta, a noticeable improvement has been observed in the quality of goods demanded and it would seem as though the country store keeper cannot obtain any quality too good for his trade. It is astonishing the high quality of goods for which there is now a heavy demand. This may be taken as a direct result of a more prosperous condition of the farming and mining communities. In order to keep pace with this improved condition of trade the staff of E. G. Prior & Company has been taxed to its utmost during the last twelve months and its employees now number fifty, a nearly double that of eighteen months ago.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

The most fastidious lover of Christmas delicacies may find means to gratify his or her appetite in the galaxy of dainties laid out in Dixie H. Ross & Company's stores. To cope with the festive demand the corners of the earth would seem to have been ransacked, and the results of the search are displayed in an eminently attractive form. The fruits, both local and exotic, far surpass in quality those of any previous year. Chief among these are the figs, raisins, and nuts. These Yuletide comestibles are arranged in crescent form and the general prospect is of an appetizing description.

In the bon-bon department the novelties excel those of previous years; for these the demand has already been great, and is increasing every day. Every class of sweetmeats of the highest qualities are there, and a noticeable

feature of the buying this year is the demand for finer grades.

Crystallized fruits also form a pretty show. In every shape, fantastic and otherwise, they may be procured, and youthful buyers have already shown their appreciation of this department.

An encouraging feature of these stores is that the market is brisker than ever. To meet the extra Christmas demand, larger supplies are pouring in daily. Within the next few days the window decorations of Dixie H. Ross & Company will be complete. They will take the form of a mass of different colored fruits in one window, while the other will be entirely devoted to liqueurs.

The general appearance of the stores and the mass of "good things" displayed would suggest that the coming Christmas bids fair to eclipse its predecessors. An unprecedented supply of mince pies and plum puddings—the sine qua non of Yuletide—are on sale and the firm considers that it will have no difficulty whatever in disposing of one and all. Altogether the display is of a most attractive nature and is worth a visit from a spectator as well as a business standpoint.

SPORTING NEWS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A DRAW.

The English international football team has succeeded in drawing with the South Africans, the score being one try by each side. The match was played at the Crystal Palace, London. Over 50,000 people witnessed the game. This was the last international match to be played in the "Springfield" and Scotland was the only country which defeated them.

MAY MEET STANFORD.

The Victoria Rugby Football Club has received the following telegram from the sporting editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer: "Will you play Stanford here January 5th? For expenses. Answer."

A meeting of the Victoria club executive has been summoned, and at it this matter will be discussed. It is more probable that the invitation will be accepted.

The Stanford University team plays its last game against Vancouver on New Year's Day. Immediately after this match the team will travel to Seattle, where it will remain until January 5th.

SKATING.

CHAMPION WINS.

At the roller skating rink last night Professor Bell, the champion of America, defeated C. J. Lelievre, a Victorian, in a five-minute race for \$200. As a part of the contest was there any equality between the rival skaters, and the professor won at his ease by upwards of two laps and a half. The time occupied by the skater was 2 minutes 4 seconds. A large number of spectators were present.

THE RING.

WHO IS CHAMPION?

In boxing circles there is no question of such supreme interest at the present moment as "who is the heavyweight champion of the world?" Although this question has been discussed, discussed, and although blue people out of ten would at once answer in favor of Jim Jeffries, the vexed point is to some extent an open one.

Just now there are several applicants in the field clamoring for the title. Every effort has been made to induce Jeffries to re-enter the ring and sign some of the professional engagements. This he has refused to do; and the only chance of his fighting for the title again would seem to be the advent of some renowned foreign boxer, coming to America and challenging for the world's championship.

Jeffries considers that the present heavyweight of America are too small for his progress. Gunner Mott, Jack Johnson, and Jack O'Brien are offering for his laurels, but he will have nothing to do with any of them. The Montreal Star has taken up the discussion and published an interview with the former champion. "If I were a banker after one more battle," said the big fellow, "but the man I fight will have to be a good one. I don't like the looks of the present heavyweights. They are not big enough. I don't need money, all I want to do is to battle for the glory of America. No foreigner can take the title away from America without a fight as long as I can help it. Of course, if I get too old I will have sense enough to keep out of the ring."

BASKETBALL.

TEAM'S RECORD TOUR.

A Toronto exchange prints the following: The Crescent basketball team, of Evanston, Ill., has started on what is said to be the longest trip ever taken by an amateur team. They will go East as far as Toronto and Rochester, and West as far as California, and negotiations are still pending that may take them to the Hawaiian Islands. They will travel 10,000 miles, and be gone until April. Ten men are going on the trip. They have nearly a hundred games to play, an average of over five a week. They will play in twenty states besides the Dominion of Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, in case their trip extends there.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Eastern Town Suffers Severely by Conflagration.

Londonderry, N. B., Dec. 14.—In a destructive fire yesterday the following firms were burned out: John McInnes, grocery; Munroe, hardware; McLean, boots and shoes; James Harrison, confectionery; and Alexander Gough. John McInnes lost his entire stock and the books were burned in the store. Munroe lost part of his stock. McLean and Harrison saved the greater portion of their stock. The families burned out saved their household effects. The Masons and Knights of Pythias met in the upper flat of the building occupied by John McInnes, and they lost all their property.

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DEAL IN LUMBER MILLS.

Properties Near Vancouver Reported to Have Been Sold at Good Prices.

The Vancouver Province announces that two big deals in sawmills on Burrard Inlet and timber limits up the coast have just been completed. The aggregate capital involved in the turnover is \$500,000, and the properties concerned are the Pacific Coast Lumber Company on Coal Harbor, and the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company at Port Moody.

The Canadian Pacific Lumber Company's mills and timber limits have been acquired by Mr. G. L. McCormick, at present manager of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, and Sir Charles Herbert-Tupper, barrister, of this city. Mr. McCormick will sever his connection with the plant he controls at present, and assume the active management of the Port Moody mills.

The vendors of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company are T. W. Paterson, of Victoria, president; T. F. Paterson, of Vancouver, secretary; Perry D. Roe and J. Abernethy. Each owned a quarter interest. This price reported to have been paid for the property is \$250,000. The extent of the timber limits transferred in connection with this deal is not announced. However, it is known that much of the timber popularly supposed to be owned by the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company really is held by the Paterson Lumber Company. This company owns some of the very best timber limits along the northern coast, and operates some of the largest logging plants now running.

After weeks of negotiating it is reported to-day that the Pacific Coast Lumber Company's plant on Coal Harbor has passed into the control of a local syndicate.

As far as can be learned the transfer involves the shares of the principal owners of the property, and in sufficient quantity to afford control to the purchasers. Extensive timber limits at various points along the coast are owned by the Pacific Coast Lumber Company.

The price reported to have been paid for the controlling interest is \$250,000. With the retirement of Mr. McCormick from the management of this plant, that position will be filled by the new owners. Speculation is rife as to who will be the new manager.

T. W. Paterson, of this city, when asked concerning this deal said that it probably had been completed. He was not sure, however. He was going to Vancouver to-night in connection with it.

Two Irishmen, Pat and Mike, stood looking at bricklayers, who were working on a building that was being erected, when the following conversation was overheard:

Mike—Say, Pat, kin yez tell me what kapes this bricks together?

Pat—Sure, Mike, it's mortar.

Mike—Not be a blame sight; that kapes thim apart.—Judge's Magazine.

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drop loosely in front of you, then stretch them to as low a point as possible without bending the body. Then bring them up to the shoulder, over it and down the back as far as you can reach—about halfway down your back. Then tense all the way through.

Perhaps the best of them all, however, especially for rounding purposes, is this:

Put the hands lightly at the sides of the waist and twist the upper part of the body around, without moving the hips. Keep the arms stationary. Twist around, first to one side and then the other, and "twist" all the time you are doing it.

On the Care of the Hair and Skin

Again, stand perfectly erect, with the arms at the sides, lift them up vertically, inflecting the lungs as the arms ascend. At the same time rise up on the tips of your toes, and draw the lower back to the same time touching the backs of the hands overhead. As the arms slowly descend, exhale from the lungs.

breathing exercises and learn to carry yourself well, with your chest held high. The "Cane Exercises for Deformities," published a short time ago in these columns, would be particularly beneficial to you.

For brown spots use the whitening paste for which formula is given in another column.

Not a "Cake Soap"

Will you please tell me what to do for enlarged pores? And I also want to know the kind of green soap that is said to cure black heads.

Don't attempt to use the lotion for enlarged pores, before you cure the black heads.

Get the correct camel's hair face scrub brush, a bland toilet soap, a little good cold cream or suet, a little water, and a few ounces of common washing soda. If the black points are very distinct, press them out if not, scrub the face morning and night with hot water; into which you put a soda about a filbert in size. Boil each quart of hot water; soap the brush precisely as you would were you going to use it for your hands, and scrub the face thoroughly.

"Grease soap" is not a regular "cake soap," but is of about the consistency of custard.

Thin Eyebrows

Please publish the formula for brown spots on the face, the one consisting of bay rum and salicylic acid. I have also asked for a remedy for thin eyebrows. Will appreciate very much.

Mrs. L.

For whitening brown spots on the face, use the formula given for "A. C." in another column.

Ointment for Scant Eyebrows.

Resin, 2 ounces; tincture of cantharides, 2 ounces; oil of lavender, 15 drops; of rosemary, 15 drops.

Mix thoroughly. Apply to the eyebrows with tiny toothbrush once a day until the growth is sufficiently stimulated, the

less often. The cream may be used for the eyes and face also. In this case, it should be very carefully applied. It will soothe the eyes as any oil will, if it gets into them.

Creams That Cleanse

Please give me a formula for a cleanser cream. I have seen such a cream demonstrated. It would remove dirt from the pores of the face as well as the skin.

Can you tell me how it was made?

Please give me the formula of the latter for the face pores. Will it cure them permanently?

I do not know the cream you refer to, but here is one I do know to be good. The pink tint of it is one of its charms. It is a perfect skin purifier.

Cleansing Cream.
White wax, 3 ounces; spermaceti, 1 ounce; sweet almond oil, 1 ounce; glycerine, 1 ounce; salicylic acid, 10 grains.
It takes a long time to cure enlarged pores, but the cure is permanent, if prevented recurrence. The condition that caused the trouble. The careful use of the correct face brush generally cures this.
To cure them, use the brush and pure, hygienic soap. By this process the pores are kept open and the condition is prevented.

The charged secretions, are kept in the glands, and gradually they will contract and come normal in size. I know of thousands of cures effected in this manner. In addition, use the "action" ray for a large, extra given in the answer to, "Cold Unt Reader."

PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE SUGGESTIONS

BUT COUNCIL DOES
NOT FOLLOW THEM

Preliminary Arrangements for Election Are Made—Big Docket of Routine Business.

About the most interesting matter dealt with at last night's meeting of the city council was a communication from the Victoria Property Owners' Association asking that referendum votes be taken on three matters mentioned and enclosing a resolution regarding the appointment of a water commissioner. The aldermen gave the communication a short perusal and passed the resolution on to the incoming council, leaving the referendum recommendations in scattered corners, one being rejected, another referred to the school trustees and the other laid over.

The communication read as follows: Victoria Property Owners' Association, Victoria, B. C., December 14th, 1906. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I am directed to inform you that the annual general meeting of this association was held on the 11th inst., whereat the following resolution was passed:

"That this association hereby petition the council to submit the following questions affecting the general public welfare for the opinion of the electors of the municipality of Victoria at the time of holding the next annual elections:

(a) Shall an independent municipal auditor be appointed as provided in the act?
(b) Shall the High School be made self-supporting as provided in the act?
(c) Shall the indemnity to aldermen be abolished?"

In this connection I would invite attention to a letter dated the 13th inst., in which it is stated that "the council had decided that the matter of the appointment of an auditor under the sections of the act should be submitted to a referendum of the electors at the next municipal election."

I am also directed to forward the enclosed resolutions with reference to the water question and the High School matters have your most favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant,
THOS. C. SORBY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

1. Whereas the necessity for the improvement in the supply and distribution of the water for the city of Victoria is of most pressing importance to the welfare of the citizens.

2. And whereas the question of water supply should be dealt with on the basis of a sound commercial proposition, and the revenue derived therefrom reserved exclusively for the maintenance, upkeep and extension of the system, and the payment of interest and sinking fund on any loan for waterworks purposes.

3. And whereas it is impossible for the majority of those entitled to vote on by-laws for the contracting of debt to decide between rival propositions as to which may be in the best interests of the city.

4. And whereas the membership of this association represents nearly one-third of the total assessment value of the city of Victoria.

5. Be it therefore resolved, that this board suggest for the consideration of the council, the appointment of a commission of three or more persons, with full power to take evidence on the matter, employ necessary expert assistance, and report proceedings and recommendations to the Mayor and council in the form of a definite, comprehensive and conclusive scheme.

6. And that these findings should be laid before the council, and that, in the form of a by-law for their ratification or rejection in the usual way.

7. That any proposed expenditure at the present time should be limited to the work as can be covered by a sum to be raised as a short loan, the interest and sinking fund on which will be met out of revenue derived from the waterworks themselves.

The question of submitting the matter of a public auditor by referendum was turned down by the aldermen after a short discussion and the second recommendation, that respecting the High School, was taken up.

Ald. Stewart wanted to know how many property owners were really members of the association. For all the aldermen knew there might only be Mr. Sorby and half a dozen members in the whole body. He thought the council should know the value of the association as a representative of

public opinion before taking action. His Worship referred the alderman to the statement in the resolution which had been received from the association, that it represented one-third of the total assessment value of the city.

Ald. Hall said that the question of making the High School self-supporting should be dealt with by the school board. It would not be right for the council to act until that body had expressed its views on the matter. He moved that it be referred to the school trustees.

Ald. Stewart seconded, and the motion carried.

The Mayor read out the third paragraph of the letter, that referring to the referendum on abolishing aldermen's indemnities.

Ald. Vincent caused some amusement by remarking that this matter should be left for the incoming council to deal with as it affected it most.

Ald. Hall said it was hardly worth while submitting such a referendum. While the indemnity only covered the cost of car-fares and a few incidental expenses and was in no way adequate it was at least a part recompense for the time given by an alderman. To abolish the indemnity would deter working men from running for the board.

The clerk was instructed to write Mr. Sorby informing him that the council cannot comply with his request for a referendum vote on this matter.

The resolution on the water question which was enclosed with the communication was referred to the incoming council and the whole communication was then formally received and filed.

P. M. Rattenbury applied for permission to increase the height of the building at the southeast corner of Yates and Broad street.

Acting upon the advice of Mr. Northcott it was decided that the permit be granted, providing the work is carried on according to the requirements of the building inspector.

Messrs. Bamby and Shuttleworth wrote complaining of the exorbitant tax asked by the city for the privilege of running an amusement parlor without seating capacity. They intended to open such a parlor as soon as possible if they could come to some agreement regarding the tax.

His Worship explained that the tax which they had been asked to pay was the regular theatre tax of \$30 a month. The by-law did not contain any clause which would cover the present case where an amusement parlor without seating capacity was concerned.

The letter was referred to the city treasurer and solicitor to impose a reasonable tax.

The management of the local W. C. T. U. asked a contribution from the city for the mission.

The city will present it with a cheque for \$25, which is the regular yearly contribution.

The clerk commenced to read a report from the city solicitor regarding Mrs. Elworthy's complaint about the bad condition of the pavement on Menzies street which caused damage to her clothing while walking home in the rain a week ago last Wednesday.

The clerk had only read sufficient to show that the city engineer, in consultation with the solicitor, had agreed that the pavement referred to was in a bad condition, when Ald. Yates suggested that the letter be handed around the board instead of being read out. He said that, although Mrs. Elworthy was not naming damages, it would be a dangerous precedent to read out the solicitor's report on this matter as in future cases where some claimant for damages had a communication referred to the city's legal adviser, they would ask that the report of that official be made public at the meeting when it came up.

The report was not read out, but was referred to the Mayor with power.

C. D. Mason, city solicitor, wrote saying that His Honor Judge Lampman had returned a decision against the city in the action undertaken to force all barristers practicing in the city to pay a license. The judgment was given mainly on a point of law arising out of the difference between the printed copy of the revenue by-law and the amendment, the word "any" being misplaced in the former. The solicitor further stated that notice of appeal had been given, and that the case would come up in the Full Court on January 8th.

This report was adopted and the action of the solicitor approved.

The solicitors of Rebecca Jane McLaughlin gave notice that at the next sitting of the Supreme Court they intend to apply for titles to subdivision of lots 27 and 28 in section 35.

Hon. F. Gaudreau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, telegraphed that the patents for the water lots on Rock Bay could not be issued until the necessary fees had been paid. The money is already on its way to Ottawa.

In connection with the purchase of the Bowker Park lands, the city solicitor reported that Mr. Clark, who occupies the greater part of the total area, has sowed his land, and that any work which might be done on it would destroy his coming crops. The solicitor pointed out that Mr. Clark had no claim on the city, having surrendered his lease.

Ald. Yates thought the city should compensate Mr. Clark if it spoiled his crops. He believed in giving him a square deal, whether the city were forced to or not.

Ald. Fell, however, did not think along the same lines. He spoke at some length on the matter, and said that, as the city was not the cause, no compensation should be paid. He was of the opinion that compensation paid out under such circumstances was a loose way of spending the city's money.

After Ald. Fell had monopolized the conversation for some time, and had talked considerably of "guarding the

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city's money" and "trustees of the people's money," the matter was referred to the incoming council.

City Assessor Northcott wrote saying that he had received an offer of \$105 for the city's property on block 4, Spring Ridge. He, however, considered that the property was worth at least \$250.

The tenderer will be informed that he can have the property at the price suggested by Mr. Northcott.

J. W. Gatty and forty others petitioned for an electric light on the corner of Wilson and Catherine streets. Referred to the electric light committee for report.

The tender of W. S. Fraser to supply pipe and brass fittings for the waterworks department at the price of \$379.50 was accepted.

Thomas Tubman was awarded the contract to place a wire fence around Elk and Beaver lakes at a cost of 94 cents per foot, the Ellwood fence to be used.

The preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming election were completed. Ald. Goodacre introducing the motions to appoint returning officers and set the dates for nomination and election. Nomination day was set for January 14th, the time being from 12 until 6, and the place the city hall.

The date for voting will be January 17th, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., and polling stations were fixed as follows: For Ward I, room No. 1 in the public market building; for Ward II, room 5; Ward III, room 7; Ward IV, room 9; Ward V, room 11. W. W. Northcott was appointed returning officer. For the election of mayor, H. Hobbs was appointed deputy officer for Ward I; Ward II will be looked after by G. H. Mayrue; Ward III, by George Glover; Ward IV, by James Bell, and Ward V, by T. G. Rayner.

At 10 o'clock the aldermen commenced a discussion on the nature of plans that should be submitted of the new subdivisions to be opened up. At 11 o'clock they were still discussing, and it was decided to call it off until to-night, when the argument will be resumed.

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LOCAL NEWS.
On Tuesday evening last the members of the Ladies' Guild at the Metropolitan Methodist church presented Mrs. Jenkins, school trustee, with a handsome costume case and a pair of evening gloves as a token of appreciation of the services rendered to the Guild while president. Mrs. Jenkins has gone to Denver, Col., where she will make an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Parry.

A United States patent was issued recently to Messrs. Layfield and Crisp, of Vancouver, on their improved cement building block, which is to be placed on the market as the "Victor" block consists of an outer and inner wall member of cement, bonded together by embedded steel ties. By this construction an ample and uninterrupted air space is maintained, and moisture is effectually prevented from percolating from the outer to the inner wall. A strong local syndicate has been formed for the manufacture of the "Victor" blocks and the exploitation of the patents thereon.

The "Christmas festival" at the Royal Jubilee hospital will be marked this year most appropriately by the opening of the long-desired "children's ward." On Sunday there will be a special service of song in which many of the amateurs of Victoria will assist, and also a recital, most generously tendered by the Victoria Philharmonic Society. On Christmas eve there will be a large Christmas tree in the new ward, and though the arrangements for Christmas day itself are not yet complete, it is hoped that there is a special treat in store for that afternoon also, which will be duly mentioned in the full programme to be published later. All members of the hospital and societies and their friends wishing to assist towards the success of the celebration are asked to contribute either ornaments for the tree, small gifts, cakes, candy, bon-bons, trailing ivy, evergreens and holy, which may be sent to the care of Miss Macdonald, or Mrs. Hasell, at the hospital, as early as convenient in the present week.

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That Cures
Demand the three-colored kind in the red and yellow box

What Other People Think WOULD TREAT ALL ALIKE

To the Editor:—I see by the papers Mrs. Patterson will get a substantial recognition for services rendered which led to the rescue of the crew of the barque Coloma. I am glad to do so. But I hear not a word of thanks or praise to the men of the Quads, who risked their lives in that terrible sea and rescued the men. May I suggest whatever is contributed be equally divided. It will encourage and inspire the men if called upon to do likewise on future occasions. The case is similar to the wreck of the Valencian, when the men of the Quads went to the scene and could do nothing, but got all the honor and glory, while those that were hard with the survivors and otherwise did good work got nothing. FAIR PLAY.

THE SIXES AGAIN.
To the Editor:—In looking over your valuable paper dated October 15th I read of an interview between Dr. Milne and Mr. T. C. Mazondar, who is out in British Columbia looking after the interests of the United Sixes, and also with a view to having others sent out there, as he states in his interview that if his report proved favorable there would be no limit to the number that might come to the shores, and that gentleman goes on to say that they were all British soldiers that helped England at the time of the Indian Mutiny. Now, if that statement is correct, they must all be pretty old men. My memory is correct. I think that the Indian Mutiny broke out in 1857 or 1858, and as they would all have to be sixty years old when they enrolled themselves for service—that would make them 60 years old, and if that is the case I think they should be classed as undesirable subjects, as I am sure men of that age cannot be able to do a fair day's work for a living, and I think the people of the provincial and Dominion governments take hold of the matter the better.

A SUBSCRIBER.
Skeena River, B. C., October 30th, 1906.

INSTRUCTIVE LECTURES.
Course Which Has Been Mapped Out by Emmanuel Baptist Church.

A highly instructive and entertaining course of lectures has been planned by the people of Emmanuel Baptist church and will be given in their cosy, comfortably seated auditorium during the opening quarter of the new year. The lectures will be illustrated by splendid sets of lantern views with electric light illumination. Following is the plan:

Jan. 2nd—Old World Scenes, by Mr. R. Morphet, of Bristol, England.
Jan. 9th—An Evening With Longfellow, by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Longfellow recitations and music by young people.
Feb. 5th—Round the World in 100 Minutes, by Edward B. Paul, M. A.
Feb. 12th—Wind and Wonderful Scenery of British Columbia, by Rev. G. W. Dean.
March 5th—An Evening with Tennyson, by Rev. A. E. Roberts. Recitations and music by young people and choir.

April 2nd—Easter concert by the choir, assisted by noted local talent.

While the primary object of the course is to furnish instruction and wholesome entertainment there is a secondary object, which is to raise funds to assist in paying the church debt.

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If you are not cured you get your money back. \$1.00 a package, or money back. Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

THE LAST DANCE.
Lady's Collapse and Death at Hunt Ball.

The Fife hunt ball at Cupar, Fife, Scotland, had a tragic ending, recently, one of the dancers, Miss Helen A. Campbell, elder daughter of Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart. of Gligiltan, dying in the cloakroom after the last dance.

Miss Campbell, who was about thirty years of age, was not particularly robust, having suffered from a heart affection, but she set out on the ten miles drive to Cupar Fife feeling well and in buoyant spirits. The band had just started the music of the last dance, when Miss Campbell, who was sitting in the ballroom, fell forward in a fainting condition. Two medical men who were in the room carried her to the cloak room and did all that was possible, but she never regained consciousness, and died fifteen minutes from the time of the seizure. Death was due to failure of the heart's action.

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Also a full line of TOYS, at lowest closing out price. Don't forget the place.

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CURIOUS WAGERS.

Bets Made Years Ago Make Interesting Reading.

Betting is neither so general nor so promiscuous as it once was. One hundred and fifty years ago, when books for recording wagers were always kept on the tables in the much frequented coffee houses of London. Some of these books are still to be found among collections of antiques, and they make interesting reading. All manner of queer bets are entered there, on marriages, births and deaths, of the duration of a ministry, on the length of the lives of prominent personages, on the possibility of earthquakes, and even on hangings.

The extreme callousness of the old English gamblers, or gentlemen, as they were then called, is illustrated by the following account which Horace Walpole, the celebrated letter writer, gives of a curious occurrence at White's coffee house in London. In one of his epistles to Sir Horace Mann, under date of Sept. 1st, 1796, he says: "They have put into the papers a good story, made at White's. A man dropped down dead at the door, and was carried in. The club immediately made bets whether he was dead or not, and when they were going to bleed him, the wagers for his death interposed and said 'He would affect the fairness of the bet, and they stopped their efforts.'"

Viouxtemps, the famous violinist, used to tell the following story: When crossing London bridge one day, he was suddenly brushed aside by a wretched late-late-mallion who climbed the parapet and plunged into the river. The foot passengers, crowded around immediately to watch the unfortunate man as he rose to the surface, and in a trice some one shouted, "Let him be drowned!" Meantime Viouxtemps rushed down to the river bank, secured a waterman and rowed out to the rescuer. Just as the boatman was about to reach forth to grasp the poor fellow, who by this time was floundering about in the water, having lost his desire for death, the spectators above cried out: "Leave him alone! There's a bet on it!" The oarsman drew back into the boat, and the unfortunate wretch sank before their eyes.

A curious bet that partakes of the nature of a practical joke went to the courts in the town of Dole, France, in 1648. A citizen of the district offered to pay out of his pocket twenty-four francs in advance if he could agree to furnish him with a number of grains of millet in proportion to the number of children born in the town within a year. One grain of millet was to be given for the first year, for the second, four for the third, eight for the fourth and so on, doubling the number for each child. Accepting the apparently generous offer, the unlucky Frenchman attempted to carry out the provisions; but sixty-six children were born within the specified time. He was astounded at the enormous quantities of grain required to fulfil the contract and appealed to the courts for annulment of the wager, on the ground that it was founded on an impossible condition. The judges granted his appeal; but ordered him to return the twenty-four francs he had received and to pay twenty-four in addition.

There were few frenzied financiers in England at the beginning of the eighteenth century. If the banker Bulliot, of whom the following story is told, can be taken as an example. The feast of Saint Swithin, July 15th, 1725, was a particularly wet and stormy day. A trusting implicitly in the old superstition, which says that if it rains on Saint Swithin's Day it will rain for forty days thereafter, Bulliot opened a pool for everyone who was willing to bet against him. The affair attained so much notoriety that the wagers were reduced to writing. "If, dating from Saint Swithin's Day," reads the memorandum, "it rains more or little during forty days successively, Bulliot will be considered to have gained; but if it ceases to rain for only one day during that time, Bulliot loses." For two weeks it continued to shower every day, and so confident did the banker become that he accepted as stakes not only money, but gold-headed canes, jewels, snuff boxes and even clothes. When his cash gave out he offered notes, and bills of exchange. Another week passed, and Bulliot's star was still in the ascendant. But when the twenty-second day sank into the wearisome and cloudless, the unfortunate banker was ruined.

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For a day,
Then to-morrow
We're away.
Youth and morning:
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Age—the warning—
Night comes soon;
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Light us; then
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WANTED—A grocery clerk. Apply John Bros.

WANTED—Clerk for wholesale groceries and liquors, acquainted with customs work. Apply Box 17, Times Office.

WANTED—Two strong boys as apprentices in boiler shop. Apply Victoria Machinery Depot.

WANTED—Smart boy to drive and make himself generally useful in store. Address Box 14, Times Office.

HELP WANTED—The above headline over classified "want" ads. In the Times attracts the attention of the best help in every line.

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WANTED—Position in store or warehouse. References. Box 81, Times.

POSITION as caretaker or janitor; will take care of married couple. Box 15, this office.

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WANTED—Position as companion; willing to look after children. References. Box 81, Times.

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WANTED—Man or woman manager in each district to represent established wholesale mail order house. To look after local advertising and appointing representatives, and looking after their work generally. No work and expenses. This is no cash penny proposition. For full particulars write W. A. Jenkins Manufacturing Co., London, Ont.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead and any waste material. We are dealers only in junk, we are therefore prepared to pay the highest market prices. Call or write for price list. Victoria Junk Agency, 40 and 42 Store Street.

WANTED—\$700 for one year at 5 per cent. security. 20 acres of land, good dwelling house, stable, etc. "Farmers' Times Office."

WANTED—Unfurnished housekeeping rooms, modern conveniences, terms moderate. Address Box 8, Times.

WANTED—Room house, with 5 acres, facing sea, near farm; must have absolute safe anchorage for each. Apply Navigator, P. O. Box 24, Victoria.

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Address: Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson Street, two doors below Government Street.

SUNLIGHT SOAP COUPONS WANTED—Toilet soap given in exchange for these coupons by C. R. King & Son, 75 Wharf Street, Victoria.

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FOR SALE—House and lot, close in, 8 rooms, also hot and cold bath, pantry, clothes room, hall, etc., brick and stone foundation, sewer and electric light, fruit and berries, price \$3,000; \$1,000 cash, balance at 5 years. Apply Box 104, or 23 Douglas Street.

FOR SALE—2 splendid cottages in Spring Ridge, well located, one with 2 lots (corner), a snap at \$1,200 and \$1,500; easy terms can be arranged. 40 M. Times Office.

FOR SALE—Fine, up-to-date residence, all modern improvements, near cars, 5 minutes' walk from Fort and Government streets, quick sale, terms. Post Box 82, city.

FOR QUICK SALE—James Bay, cottage, seven rooms, modern, large lot, fruit and ornamental trees; terms. Apply Owner, 11 Simcoe.

FOR SALE—New modern house, on old Caledonia grounds, almost completed. Apply 61 First Street. Phone A102.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a handsome cottage, piano, by a celebrated maker. Apply 130 Blanchard Avenue.

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ACREAGE—Wilkinson road, Gordon Head and Saanich, from \$150 to \$600 an acre. Sell one acre up to 240 acres.

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TO LET—Small well furnished cottage. Apply 22 Quadra Street.

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PARTNER WANTED—In restaurant, cook preferred; small capital required. Address Box 16, Times Office.

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WATER FRONTAGE—On Cordova Bay, splendid view.

WATER FRONTAGE—Esquimalt harbor, NUMBER OF FARMS—On Vancouver Island, adjacent islands and Mainland.

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300 ACRES—For sub-division, inside city limits.

8 ROOM HOUSE, fine lawn and ornamental trees, splendid view, near Beacon Hill Park, cheap.

THIS IS ONLY A FEW from our numerous list. Call and consult us, we can suit you, or find what you want, if it is in our list.

MONEY TO LOAN—On improved property.

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LEEMING & CO.

2 FORT STREET.

20 FEET—On Government Street, between Flanagan Street and Herald Street, \$2,500.

5 LOTS—Bayward Avenue, with 5 houses, renting for \$35 a month; price \$3,500.

YATES STREET—Lot, 60x130, with fine brick house and stable, \$1,500.

15 ACRES, within 15 minutes of car line, splendid fruit land, few stumps on property; good buy at the price, \$250 per acre.

235 FEET ON LANGLEY STREET, \$5,000 a snap.

DWELLING HOUSE, 5 rooms and kitchen, bath and pantry, sewer connection, hot and cold water, corner lot, Fernwood Road, \$1,300.

8 ACRES, at Gordon Head, fine corner property, good land, \$400 per acre.

150 ACRES, South Saanich, 30 cleared, all fenced, with house and barn, excellent timber, \$5,000.

CITY ACREAGE PROPERTY, close to car line.

17 ACRES, 7 cleared, balance slashed and seeded, first-class land, 4½ miles from town, \$3,500.

15 ACRES, 6 cleared, with 1½ story house, brick foundation, good cellar, barn, chicken house, 15 fruit trees, 4 miles from town, \$4,500.

LOT, Parry Street, James Bay, \$50.

160 ACRES, 9 miles from Alberni, 3 miles from Great Central Lake, 5 rooms house, large barn, 10 acres cleared, 15 head stock, implements, etc., \$5,000; half cash, balance mortgage 6 per cent.

1 ACRES, fruit, on Feltham road, all cleared, house, barn, sheds, \$1,500.

LOT, Spring Ridge, Clark Street, \$50.

2 LOTS, Menzies Street, \$500 each.

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY FOR SALE, we can sell it for you. Let us have particulars.

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FOR SALE.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Midway and Vernon Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the present Session for an Act extending the time for commencement and completion of its railway.

Dated at Ottawa this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1906.

M. G. RAYNER & HAYDON, Solicitors for the Applicants.

PARSONS, LOVE & CO.

REAL ESTATE, 74 DOUGLAS STREET.

50 ACRES—Cordova Bay, 300 ft. water front, 7 roomed house, barn, stable, sheds, 3 good wells, 2½ acres in orchard, 3 acres cleared, balance good wood, with cedar, \$200 per acre; terms.

20 ACRES—Cordova Bay, 200 ft. water front, \$200 per acre.

20 ACRES—With road to water front, Cordova Bay, 5 acres cultivated, 9 acres slashed, \$5,150; terms.

10 ACRES—Oak Bay Avenue, \$1,500 per acre.

10 ACRES—4 roomed house, good barn, 20 water, windmill, stream of water, three miles from Post Office, \$7,000; terms.

LOT 10x150—Florence road, half in fruit, apple, pear and cherry trees, close to B. & N. track, \$100.

2 LOTS—On Queen's Avenue, 70x150, \$500 each.

1 LOT—Corner Blanchard and Bay streets, 71x141, \$250.

LOTS—Near Hillside Avenue, fine location, \$250 and \$500.

ACREAGE—In city, 20 minutes' walk from Post Office, splendid soil, well situated, an offer.

OAK BAY AVENUE—7 roomed house, almost new, modern conveniences, lot 60x120, alley at back, fine view of bay, \$2,300.

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\$3.50 to \$7.00.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 18-5 a. m.—The barometer is low over Northern British Columbia and mild weather prevails throughout the province, with rain west of the Cascades and high southerly winds along the Coast. Mild weather is also becoming general from the Rockies to Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S.; rain, 30; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles S.; rain, 30; weather, part cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, 15 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 18 miles S.; rain, 12; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.69; temperature, 18; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles S. W.; snow, trace; weather, cloudy.

Mrs. Spofford, secretary of the local Council of Women, has received a donation from "M. & H." at Burnaby Lake towards the fund which is to be devoted to a recognition of the heroic action shown by Mrs. Paterson on the West Coast at the time of the loss of the barque Coloma.

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In Cut Glass

We have an elegant selection of this line. The perfume is of the best quality, the bottles are handsomely cut and the packages most attractive.

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Made of solid Quartered Golden Oak; stands 36 inches high; has 5 adjustable shelves and highly hand polished.

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Within the following described limits: From yard to Moss street, along Moss from Port to Oscar streets inclusive; from yard to Fernwood road to Walnut street; from yard to junction of Hillside avenue and Fourth street; from yard to Garbally road, not including Garbally road; from yard to Market street. Beyond these limits to city limits, 25c. per ton extra.

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